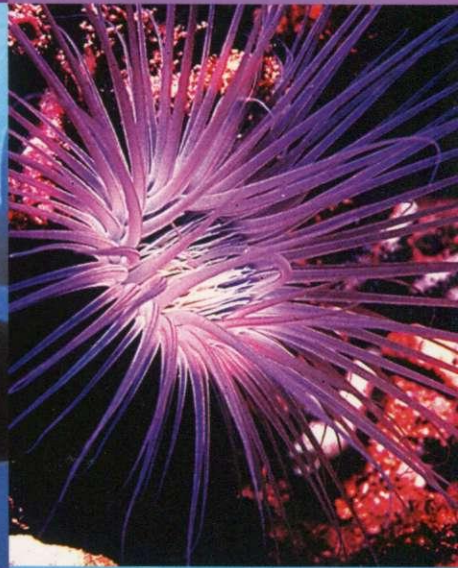


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Imagine warm clear waters, colourful underwater reefs and fascinating aquatic life forms. Imagine stunning, sheer walls and large, graceful pelagics. Imagine breathtaking beaches of powdery soft sand. These captivating sights will be yours to enjoy in the abundance of dive sites in Malaysia.

Pulau Redang offers vast coral gardens of unimaginable variety. Its pristine beaches and clear visibility make it a favourite for all divers. Pulau Tioman, acclaimed as one of the world's most beautiful islands, has excellent wrecks and reefs to explore by boat or from shore. Pulau Perhentian, with its sapphire waters, soft white sand, and trendy lifestyle, offers endless varieties of fish of all colours and sizes.

Pulau Sipadan is the ultimate diving destination with amazing sights of turtles, reef sharks and a 680-metre deep drop-off. Nearby Mabul attracts keen naturalists and photographers with its wealth of macro life.

In Miri, discover a thriving new destination that unveils reefs with a breathtaking marine life. Fostered by a high sense of professionalism, a stable government and a harmonious racial mix, Malaysia offers an unforgettable experience to visitors. English is widely spoken here and the friendly service adds to its appeal.

In Malaysia, the avid diver will find a fascinating variety of underwater attractions available nowhere else in the world.

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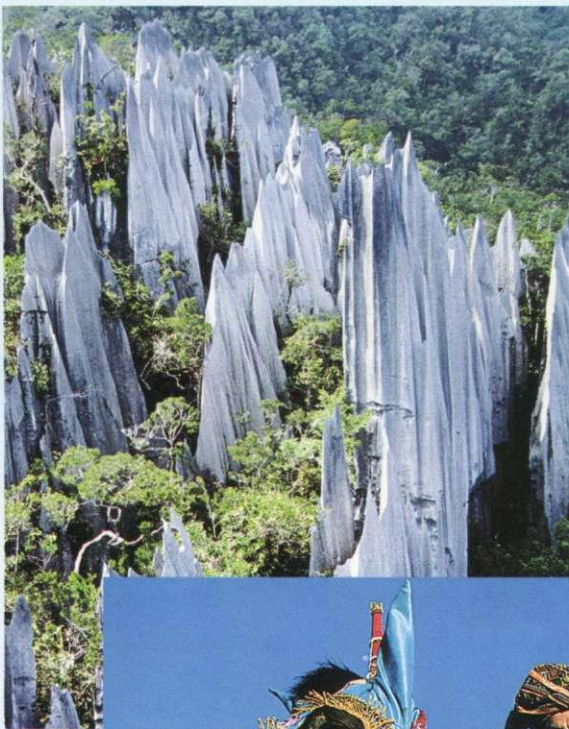
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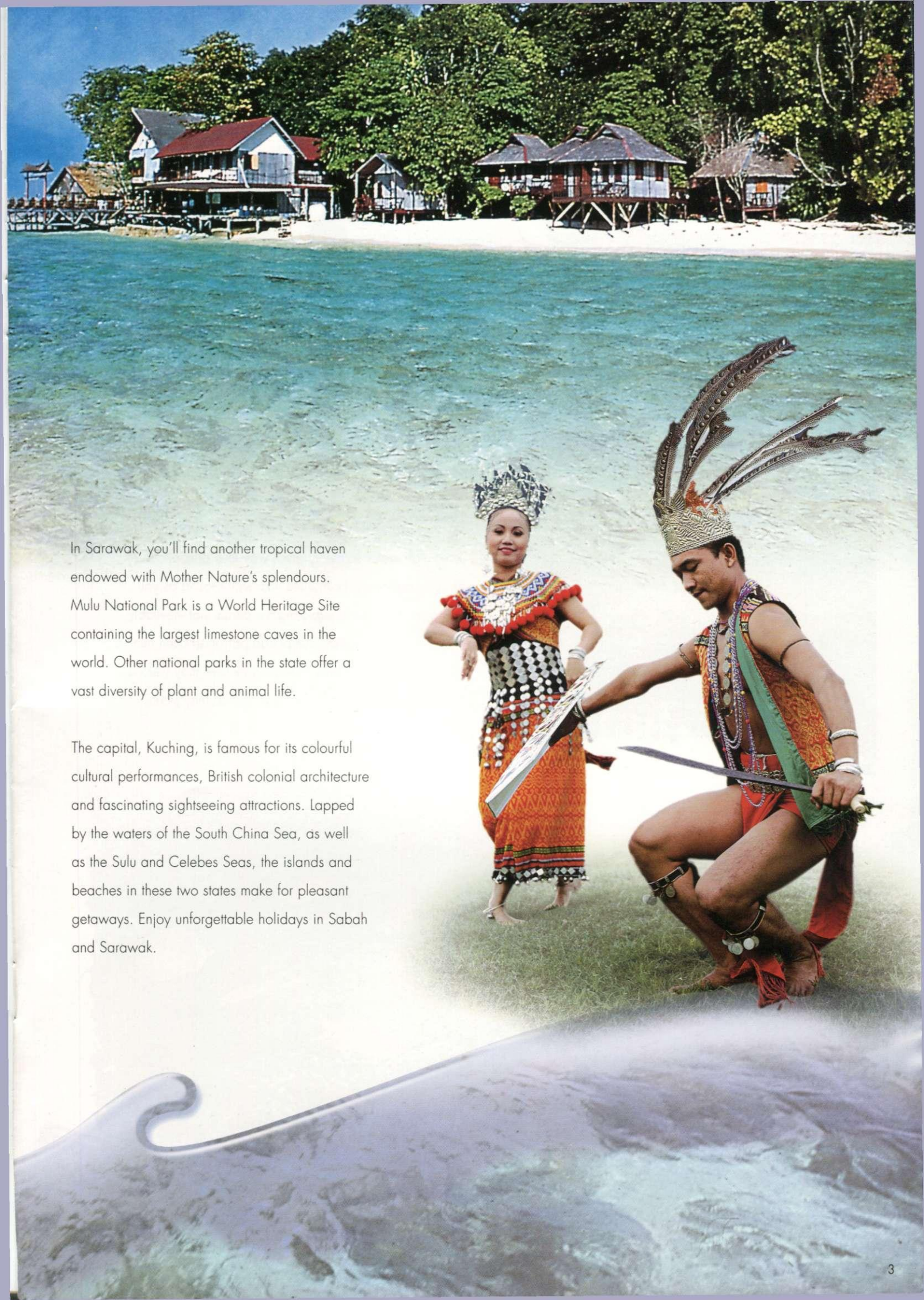


The Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak in Borneo are two intriguing

destinations with an abundance of natural and cultural treasures. The multitude of tribal and ethnic groups provide a showcase of diverse cultures and traditions that blend together in harmony.



In Sabah, don't miss an encounter with the famous Orang Utan, or 'Man of the Jungle'. Another unforgettable adventure for visitors is climbing the 4,095.2 metre Mount Kinabalu, the highest peak in Southeast Asia. The capital, Kota Kinabalu, is a laid-back port that still retains its old-world charm. Not far away is the island of Labuan, a federally-administered offshore financial centre. This duty-free shopping destination also boasts several war memorials.

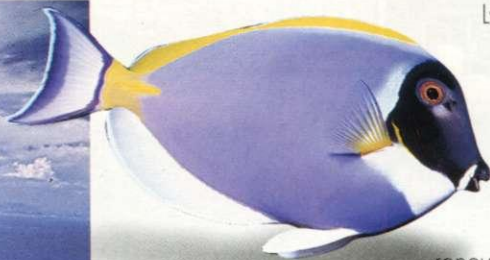


In Sarawak, you'll find another tropical haven endowed with Mother Nature's splendours. Mulu National Park is a World Heritage Site containing the largest limestone caves in the world. Other national parks in the state offer a vast diversity of plant and animal life.

The capital, Kuching, is famous for its colourful cultural performances, British colonial architecture and fascinating sightseeing attractions. Lapped by the waters of the South China Sea, as well as the Sulu and Celebes Seas, the islands and beaches in these two states make for pleasant getaways. Enjoy unforgettable holidays in Sabah and Sarawak.

Pulau Sipadan

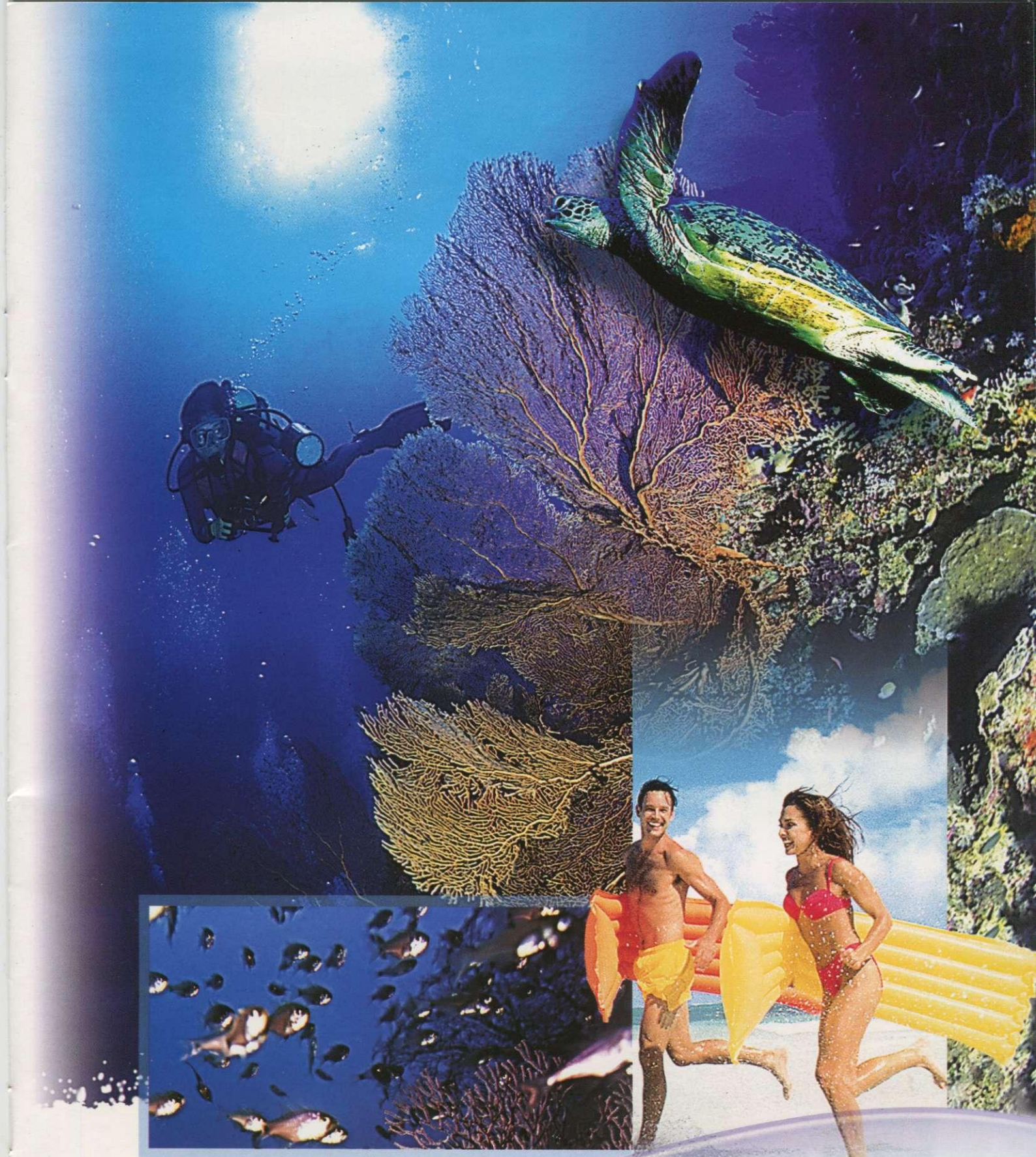
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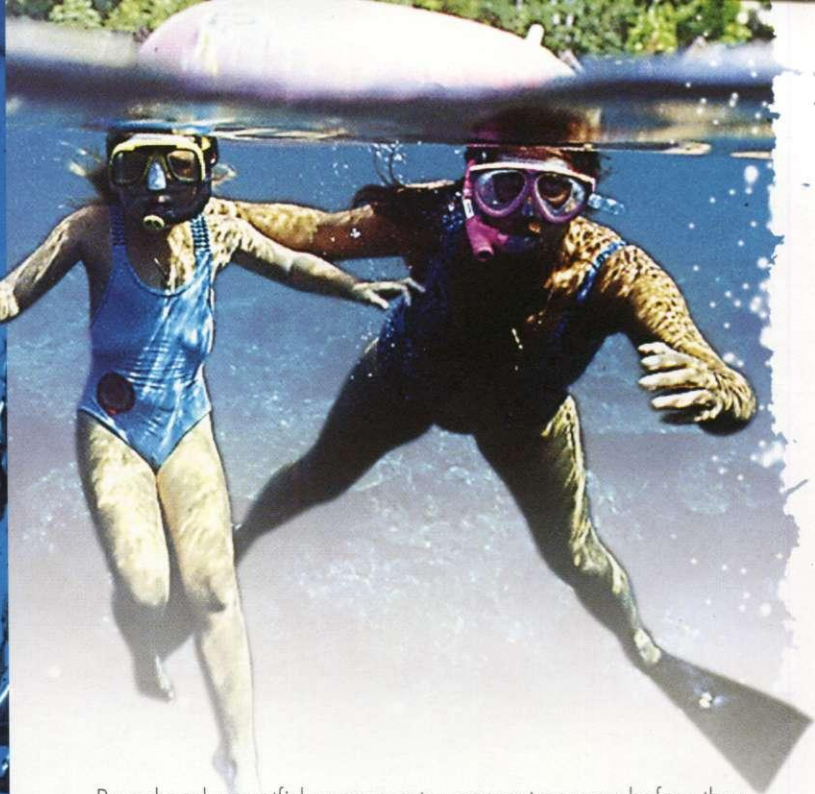


Lying just off the northeast coast of Borneo is Sipadan, Malaysia's only oceanic island. This magical isle was made famous by renowned French oceanographer, Jacques Yves Cousteau, in his documentary '*Ghosts of the Sea Turtle*'. Indeed, Sipadan offers more than just turtles; it guarantees that every dive is a memorable experience. Few islands in the world offer such prolific marine and coral life.

At the Drop Off, five metres of white, soft sand in knee-high water suddenly gives way to a precipitous drop of discovery. Follow the vast wall around as you drift with the current, exploring the corals that inevitably form refuge for the fish. Bumphead parrotfish often rumble past in bison-like hordes. A night dive here may yield a chance encounter with these large fish as they sleep.

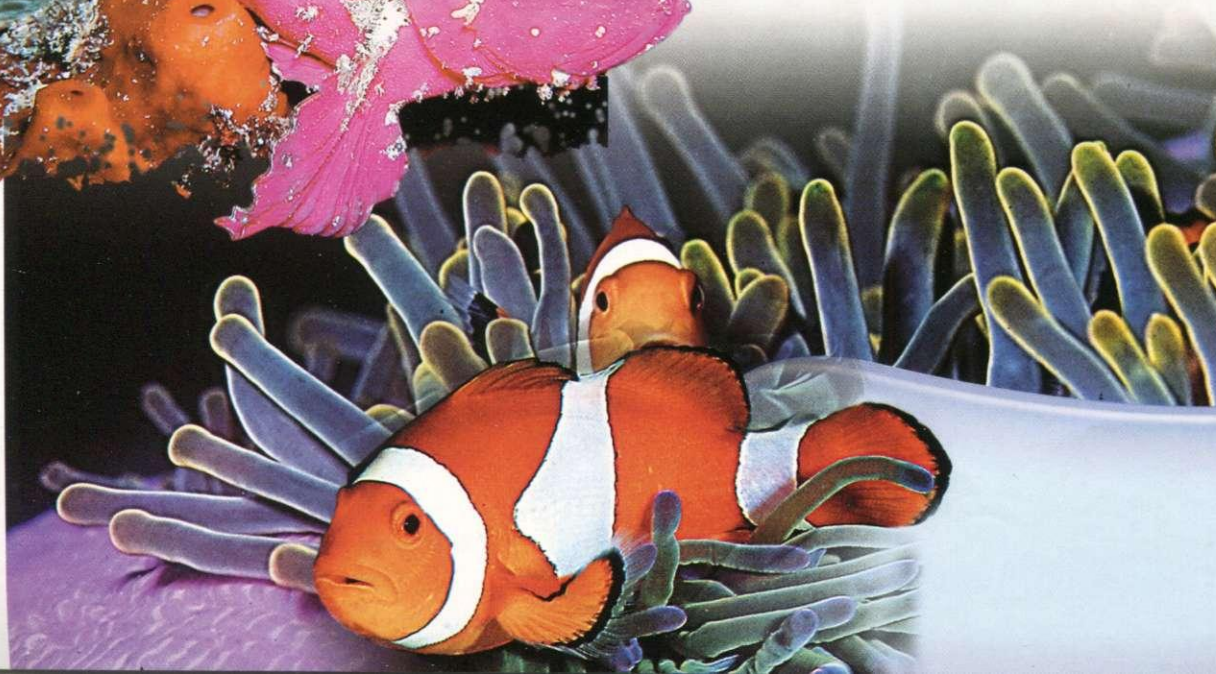






Bumphead parrotfish weave a transparent cocoon before they sleep to keep their scent from predators, and this nocturnal sight is as impressive as the one in daytime. The reef life is always varied. Porcupine pufferfish, clown triggerfish, unicornfish and Moorish idols call this dive site home. Giant moray eels lurk in their grottos, observing the traffic going past while huge gorgonian sea fans protrude like the plume of a proud peacock.

More often than not, you will enjoy the spectacle of Barracuda Point. What starts out as a drift dive will soon turn into a head-on encounter with hundreds of these fearsome-looking creatures. As they move left and right, a gray wall forms from their sheer weight of numbers. It is a sight you will never forget. Don't miss out on the other delights too. Leaf fish and the odd-looking crocodile fish have been spotted here.



At Turtle Cavern, those with cavern-diver certification can explore the same mysteries that Cousteau and his crew did 30 years ago. Keeping your buoyancy good, you will enter the opening and soon encounter a macabre chamber of skeletons. They belong to turtles and some dolphins that were lost in the labyrinth of tunnels, became disorientated and drowned. Divers are often warned during their first orientation dive that they are not allowed to enter the cavern for their own safety.

At Hanging Gardens, you will enjoy the sight of crowded corals in a riot of colours. Both soft and hard corals intermingle seamlessly, while shoals of reef fish keep it a lively dive site. Another interesting sight will be the bumphead parrotfish roaming for its favourite food, corals. Batfish, Moorish idols, hawkfish, groupers and coral trout are other inhabitants you are likely to spot. Of course, you will find plenty of anemones here, hosting playful clownfish.

The coral variety repeats itself at Whitetip Avenue. Large black corals, gorgonian sea fans and barrel sponges vie for attention with gigantic soft tree corals. It is almost a parade of underwater divas!



Here, you will also find whitetip reef sharks and gray reef sharks going about insouciantly.

On all dives, you should see healthy numbers of green turtles and whitetip reef sharks. The lure of Sipadan is that divers can observe these two species thriving in harmony. The menagerie of fish life, including rare and peculiar species, will keep divers spellbound at all times.

Accommodation is no longer allowed on the island. However, divers can still experience the wonders of Sipadan on day trips from nearby Pulau Mabul. There are regular weekly flights from Kuala Lumpur to Tawau, the nearest airport. From the latter, it is a 90-minute drive to the port of Semporna and a 40-minute boat ride to Mabul.



Islands off Semporna

-PULAU MABUL, KAPALAI & MATAKING



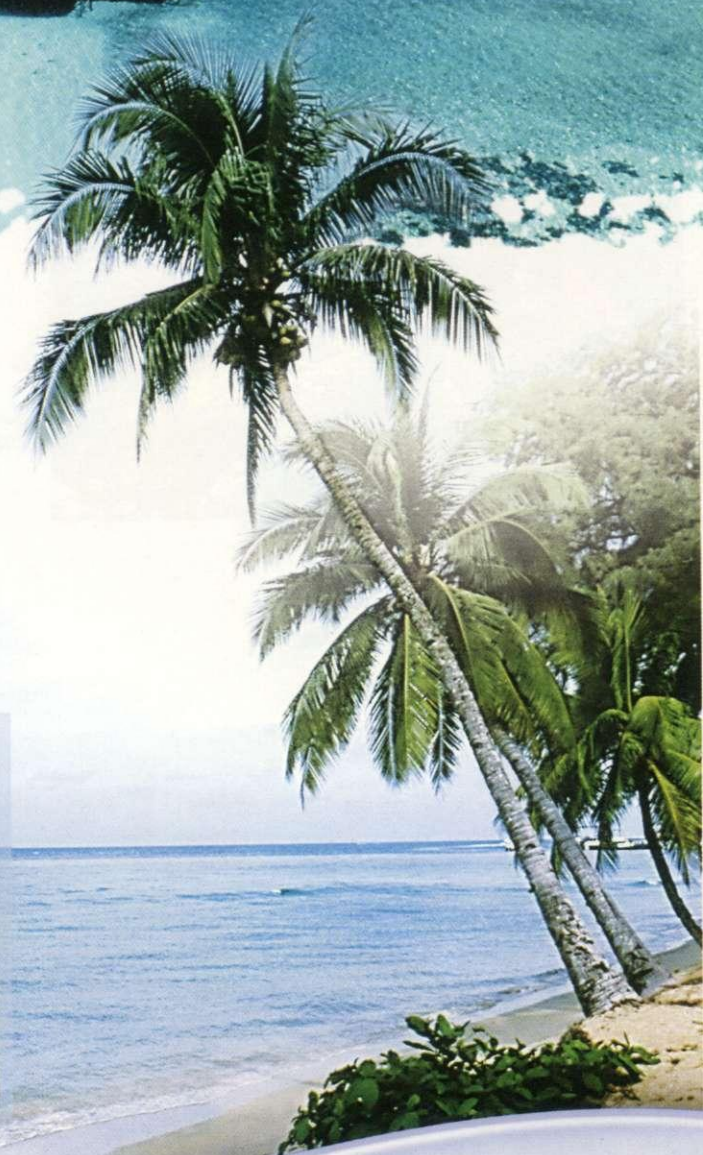
Just like Sipadan, Pulau Mabul has grabbed the world's attention for its own attractions. It is slightly larger than Sipadan, and even has its own village. However, the seascape in Mabul is starkly different, yet equally stunning. While pelagics are the main stars in Sipadan, Mabul is a micro haven for its diversity of tiny marine life.

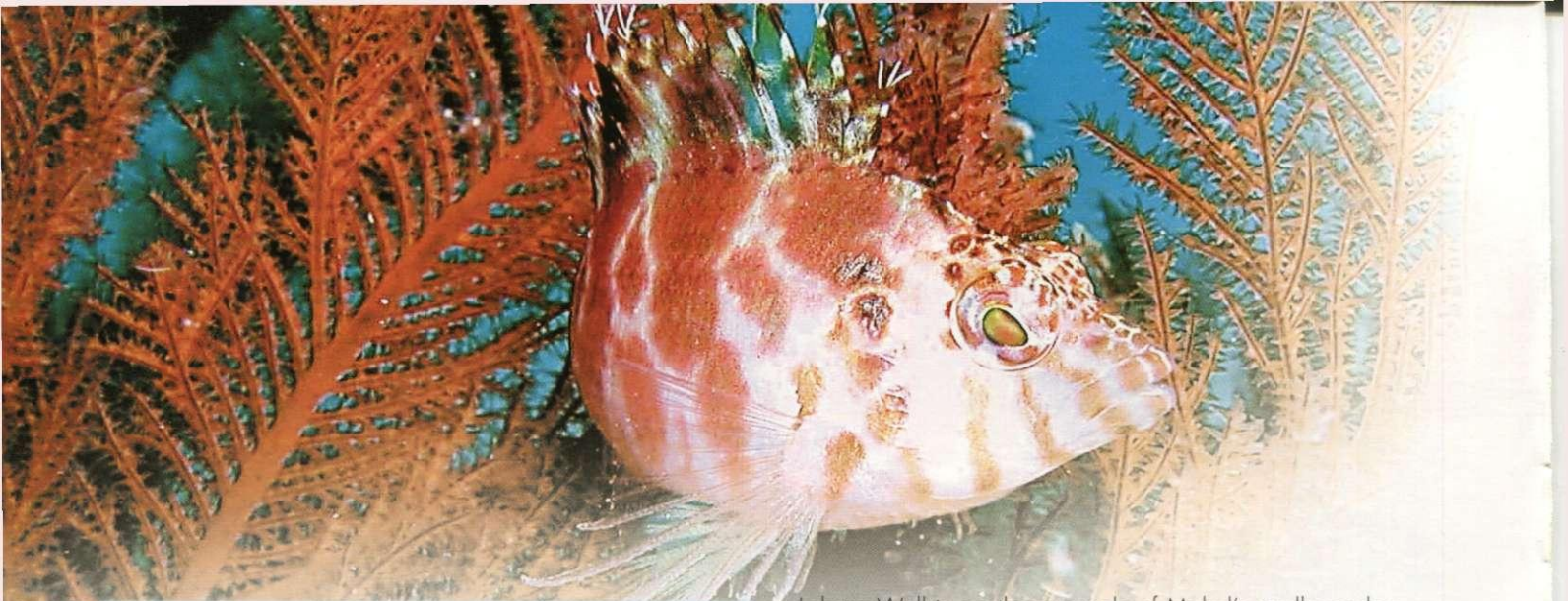
Just off the edge of the island's jetty is Froggy Lair. This dive site is typical of the many others here. The visibility is usually limited to just several metres. But vigilant divers will soon notice a teeming fish life on the sea bed and in the holes.





They range from the well-camouflaged crocodile fish and frogfish, to more unique-looking creatures like pipefish, scorpionfish and the colourful mandarinfish. With an average depth of only 10 metres, you will be able to devote a longer time finding these fascinating fish along your journey here.

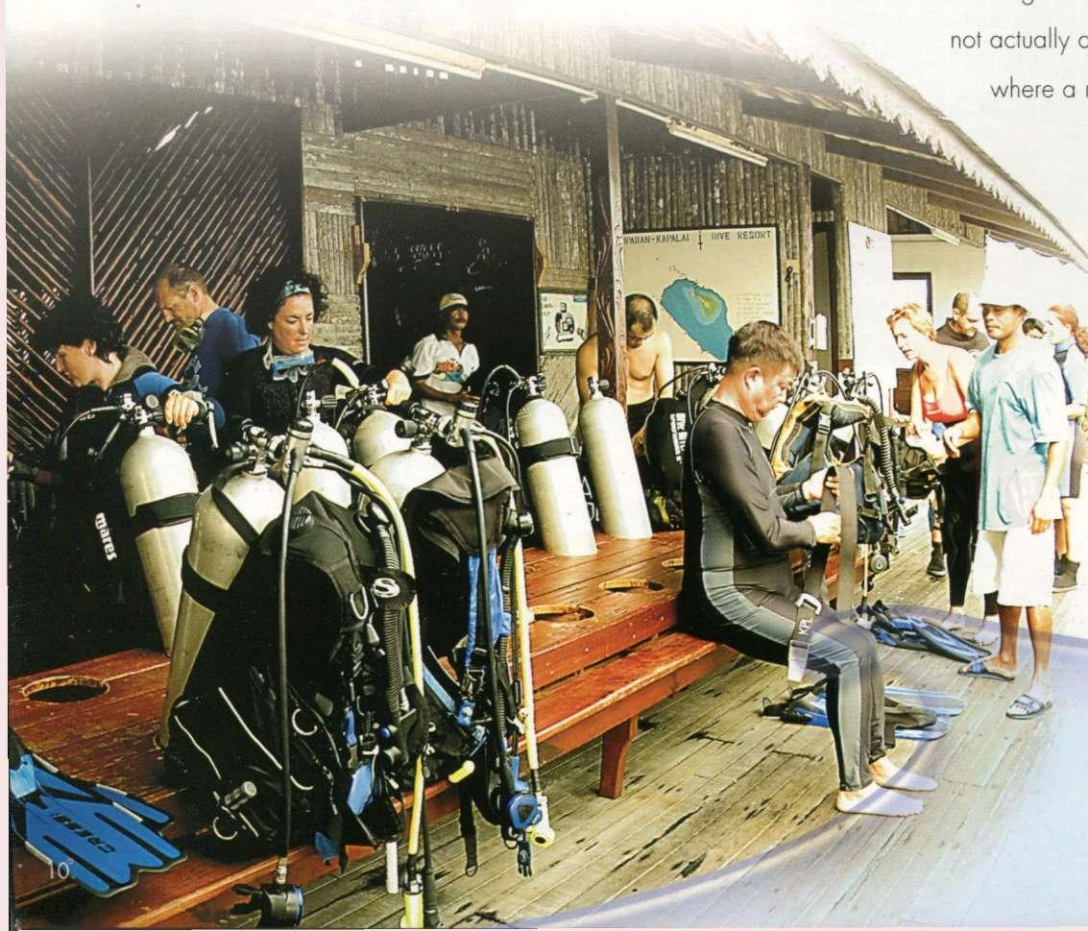




Lobster Wall is another example of Mabul's small wonders. This minor wall contains a cave famous for its lobster inhabitants. But don't miss out on exploring the corals and ledges. Hiding from view are ghost pipefish, pufferfish, seahorses, rabbitfish and the striking lionfish.

For those wanting to get even closer, Nudibranch Centre and Panglima Reef offer a myriad of nudibranchs. Take a break to study these colourful sea slugs and their various patterns.

Pulau Kapalai is another muck-lovers' paradise. In fact, this little island is rated by many diving journalists as one of the best macro-diving destinations in the world. Lying about 45 minutes from the gateway town of Semporna, Kapalai is small enough to be discovered by shore diving. It is not actually an island; rather a large sandbank where a resort has been built on stilts.

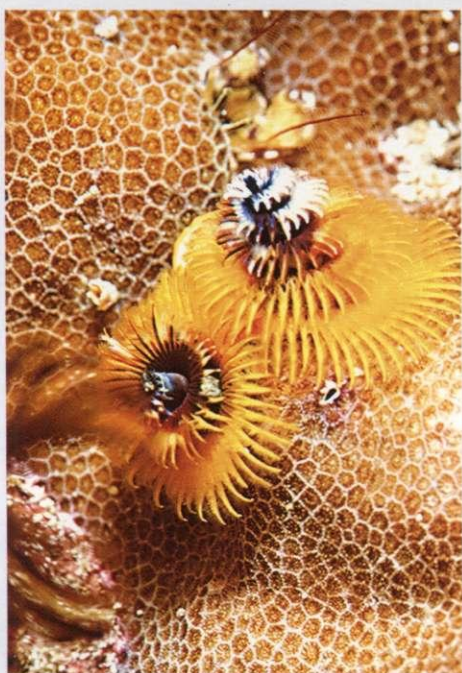


The diving, indeed the best of it, is right beneath you! Below the main jetty, blue-ringed octopuses have been spotted many a time.

It is difficult to sub-divide the well-endowed Kapalai into dive sites but three distinctive ones have been noted and named. Mandarin Valley, off the main jetty, is a circus of manic fish life. Jawfish, leaf fish, cuttlefish and gobies are but a few to attract your attention. A gray frogfish or ghost pipefish might chance upon your path.



At Gurnard Ground, ribbon eels and moray eels will add to the crowd. Finally, Stingray City derives its name from the obvious. These are the blue-spotted stingrays, which lurk on sandy bottoms. In these calm, shallow waters, dragonets, octopuses and shrimps are commonly found too.



In Pulau Matakong (east of Semporna), a new world of diving awaits you. The wall diving here is similar to Sipadan and whale sharks have also been sighted. Currently, the island offers luxury accommodation to the privileged few. But its stature is growing steadily as more resorts and divers make their way there.



Pulau Lankayan



Pulau Lankayan is another unforgettable gem offering a fascinating array of diving opportunities in a remarkably small area. It is located 90 minutes (by speedboat) from the northeast Sabah town of Sandakan. Of all the islands in Malaysia, it offers the best chance for sighting whale sharks. The best time to see these mesmerising giants is between March and May. Otherwise, you will have to be content with ogling bamboo sharks, mandarinfish, mimic octopuses, porcelain crabs and ghost pipefish.



To spice your diving menu a little, Lankayan also offers a couple of wrecks. Right in front of the island's only resort is the Lankayan Wreck, a scuttled illegal fishing vessel.





Today, it is home to an array of fish which relish the irony of its shelter. These include yellow pikes, groupers and even the ghost pipefish.

On the other side is the Mosquito Wreck. It is really an armed barge that sank during World War Two. However, this makes it old enough to be encrusted with lots of corals and inhabited by a bevy of fish life. On its doorstep lies a nursery of baby whitetip sharks. Enjoy the experience of feeding them!

At Lankayan, accommodations range from simple chalets to deluxe apartment rooms.



Pulau Mantanani



Mantanani's reputation as a dive destination is growing as fast as its tourist arrivals. Located not far from Kota

Kinabalu in Sabah, it consists of three small islands. Little is known about it. But this is your chance to discover diving at its evolutionary best.

For novice divers, Mantanani offers pristine waters teeming with coral reefs and a cornucopia of fish life.

A good place to start is Ribbon Reef. On the descend, you will be greeted by the sight of ribbon eels, nudibranchs, lionfish and even marbled stingrays.

Pehen Rock offers unusual topography and plenty of bottom-dwellers. Clam Garden too, features just that.

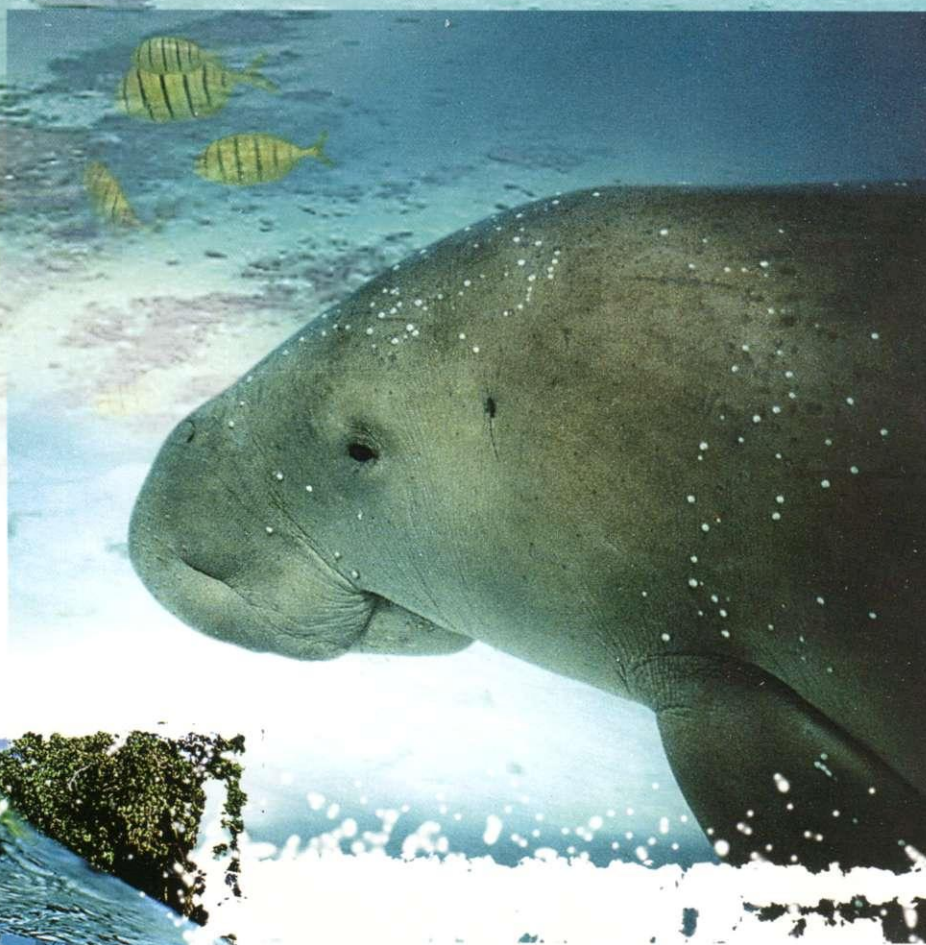
Excitingly large giant clams congregate here, amid a school of batfish and occasionally, green turtles.

For the more experienced divers, some wreck diving is called for. Three Japanese World War Two ships lie halfway between Mantanani and the mainland. Their coral-encrusted hulls attract a variety of schooling fish and also large stingrays.

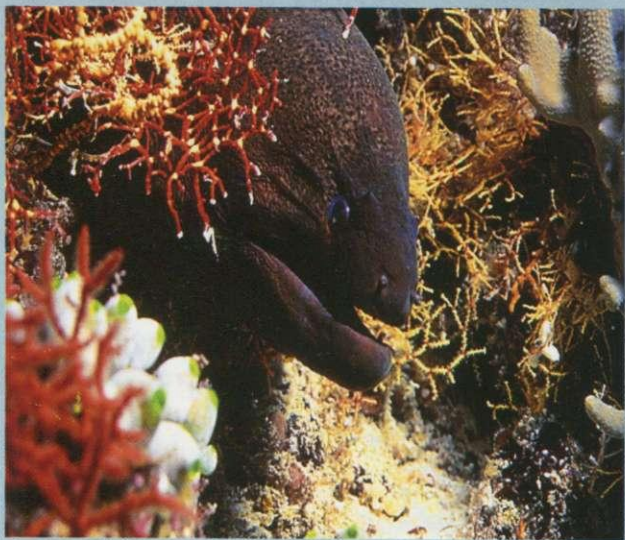
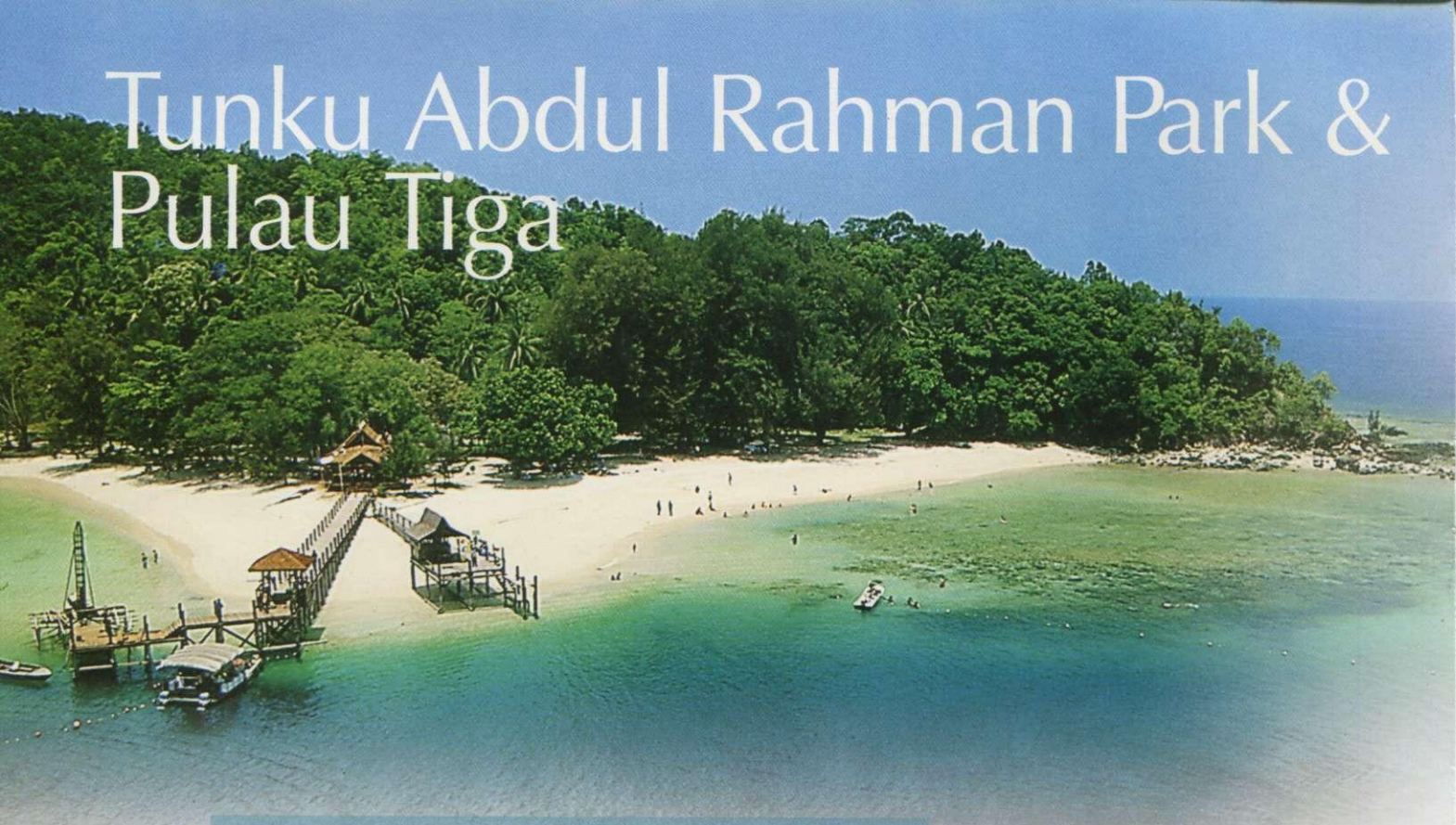




A resort with charming bungalows lies on Pulau Mantanani for those interested in overnight stays. It is only a one-hour boat ride from Kota Belud, which is an hour's drive from Kota Kinabalu. Day trips to this beautiful, untouched island are possible.



Tunku Abdul Rahman Park & Pulau Tiga





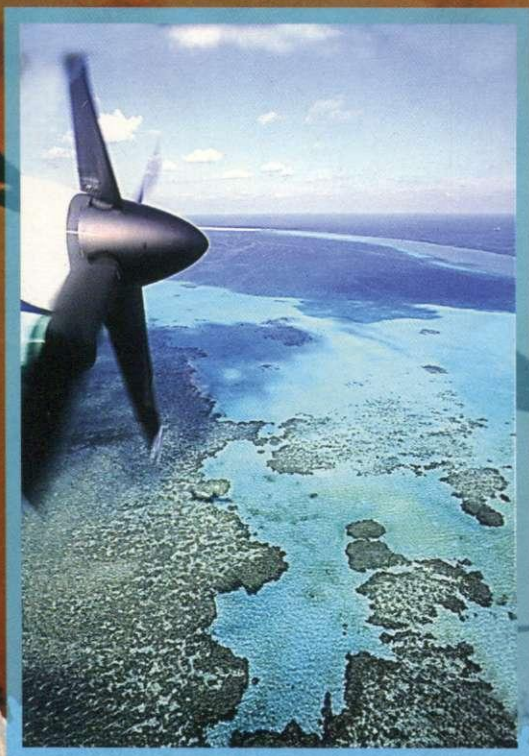
With its close proximity to Kota Kinabalu, Tunku Abdul Rahman Park makes convenience a part of your diving holiday. The Park is named after Malaysia's first Prime Minister and comprises five islands, namely Gaya, Manukan, Mamutik, Sapi and Sulug.

The beaches here offer powdery white sand and clear, tranquil waters. About 35 km southwest of Kota Kinabalu lies Pulau Tiga. This is where 'Survivor', the famed reality TV series was filmed some years back.

Snake Island is where you will get the chance to see banded sea snakes. Although venomous, they are shy creatures in the presence of humans. Their striking colours and undulating movement through the water are spectacular sights to behold.



Pulau Layang Layang



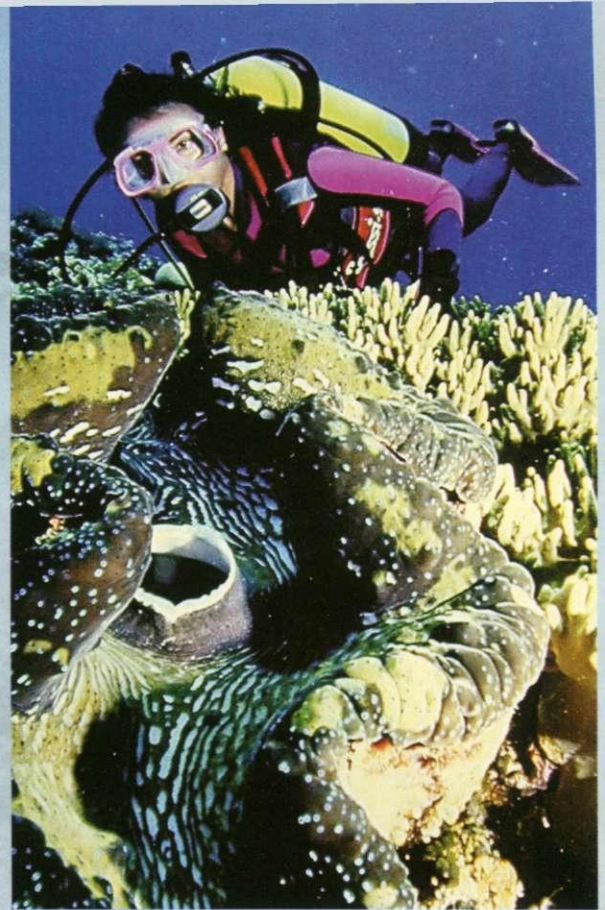
A world-class dive site of unique character awaits you here. Layang Layang is a ring of 13 coral atolls in the midst of the South China Sea. Your best chance of spotting hammerhead sharks lies here. They school in large numbers between March and July, mesmerising divers with their form and gracefulness through the water. Beyond these months they tend to descend into deeper waters. In fact, many kinds of pelagics call Layang Layang home.





The diving here is characterised by walls that descend as low as 2,000 metres although most divers do not venture beyond the 30-metre depth.

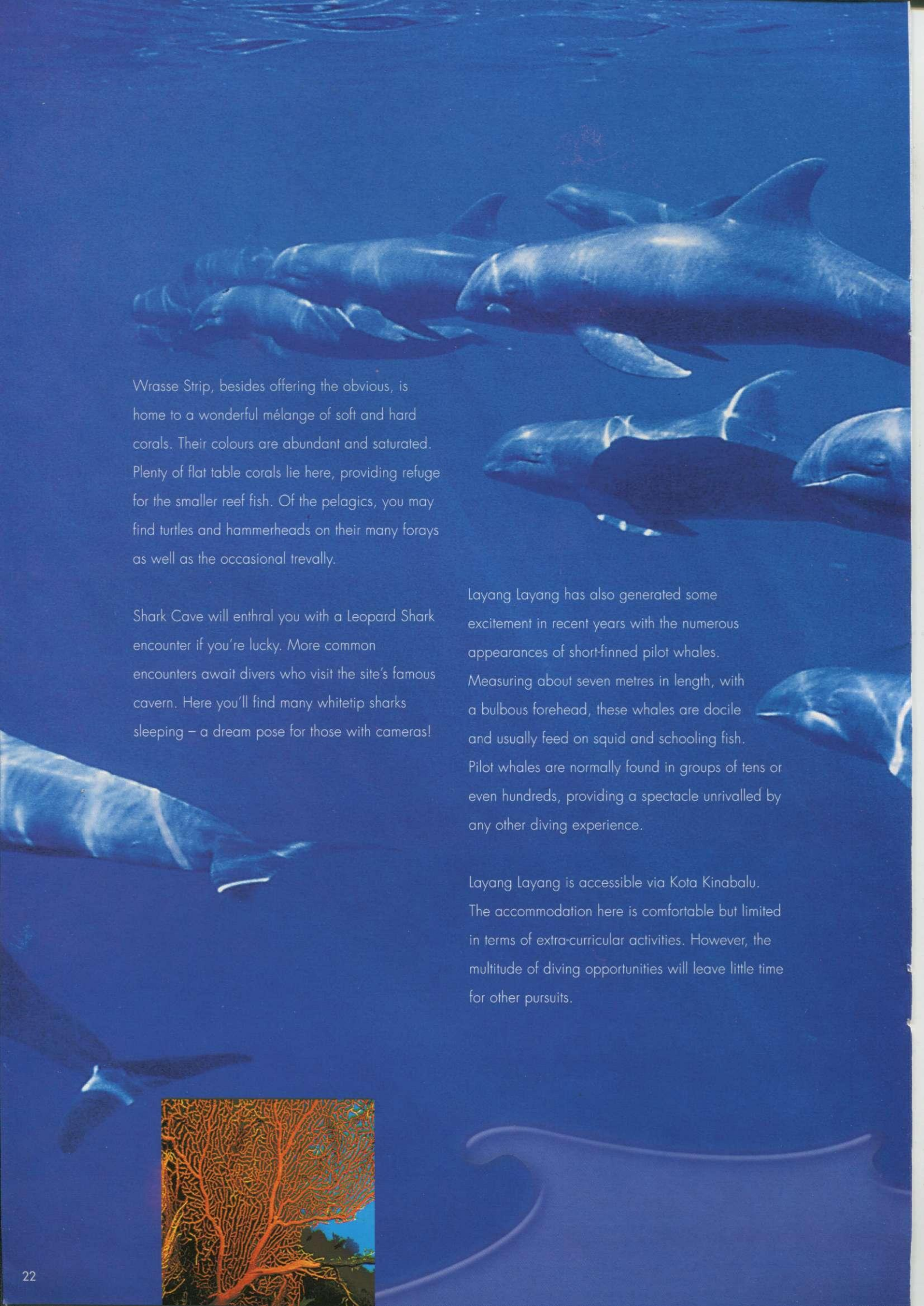
Hammerheads are visible in almost all dive sites as they swim in proximity to the atoll. Buoyancy control is your key to enjoying the diving here.



Dogtooth Lair, at the eastern point of the atoll, features the large tuna that lends the site its name. These schooling fish are not the only hosts you can find here. Fusiliers, jacks and even turtles can be spotted on a good day. The large and elusive sun-fish has been sighted here on occasions but hammerheads are also likely.

For those interested in more serene beauty, Gorgonian Forest provides the awesome sight of large gorgonian seafans along the wall. Sponges and sea whips add variety to this visual feast.



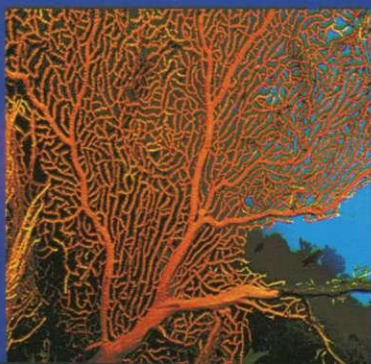


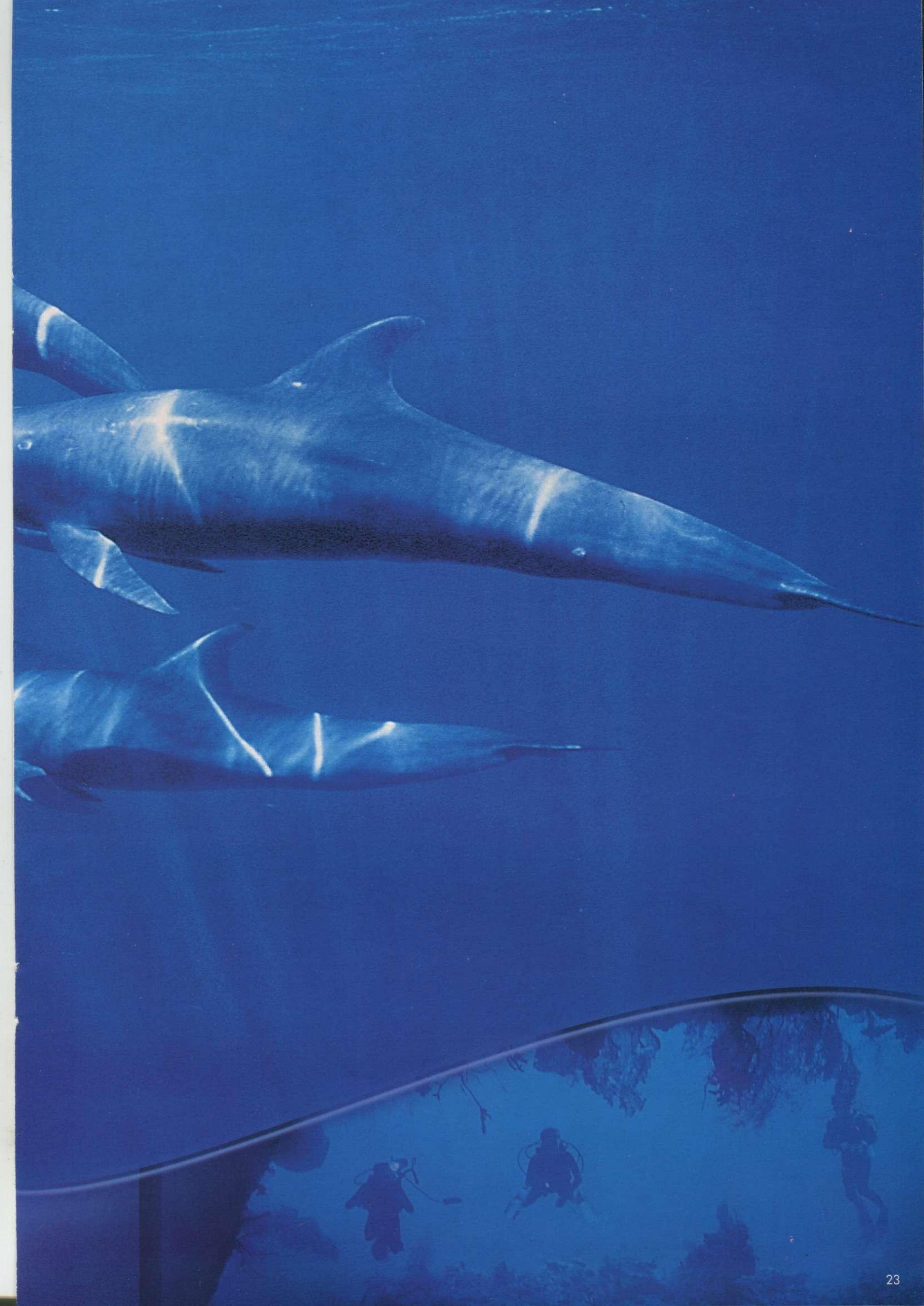
Wrasse Strip, besides offering the obvious, is home to a wonderful mélange of soft and hard corals. Their colours are abundant and saturated. Plenty of flat table corals lie here, providing refuge for the smaller reef fish. Of the pelagics, you may find turtles and hammerheads on their many forays as well as the occasional trevally.

Shark Cave will enthrall you with a Leopard Shark encounter if you're lucky. More common encounters await divers who visit the site's famous cavern. Here you'll find many whitetip sharks sleeping – a dream pose for those with cameras!

Layang Layang has also generated some excitement in recent years with the numerous appearances of short-finned pilot whales. Measuring about seven metres in length, with a bulbous forehead, these whales are docile and usually feed on squid and schooling fish. Pilot whales are normally found in groups of tens or even hundreds, providing a spectacle unrivalled by any other diving experience.

Layang Layang is accessible via Kota Kinabalu. The accommodation here is comfortable but limited in terms of extra-curricular activities. However, the multitude of diving opportunities will leave little time for other pursuits.





Miri & Labuan






Miri, an oil-rich coastal town in Sarawak is known for its cosy charm and friendly atmosphere. Despite its laid-back appearance, it is growing in popularity as a destination for underwater enthusiasts. Take a ride out to the oil rigs, and on your way, you will be sure to chance upon a dive site worth remembering.

Beneath the waters, the downward slope of the shore flattens out into calm bottoms that host the richest reef life in Malaysia.





Located here is Lennon's Memorial. It is a huge coral bommie festooned with hard and soft corals in hues of orange and red.

Eve's Garden is a veritable underwater garden of Eden. The batfish here are so curious that they will greet you gregariously, circling around and escorting you virtually everywhere.

Anemone Garden is adorned with many of these tiny but beautiful creatures. Many of them sport strikingly different motifs, easy enough to attract the eye.

Miri is indeed the new frontier for diving in Malaysia, with pristine dive sites to entice you. All dive sites are not more than 20 minutes away from shore and the hotel accommodation is both comfortable and affordable.





Labuan has long been a military base as well as an offshore financial centre for the Malaysian federal government. The main attraction on this island is its wrecks. Four of them lie spread out southwest of the island. Cement Wreck, a Japanese freighter, does not have the best visibility but will astound you with its soft corals and feather stars.

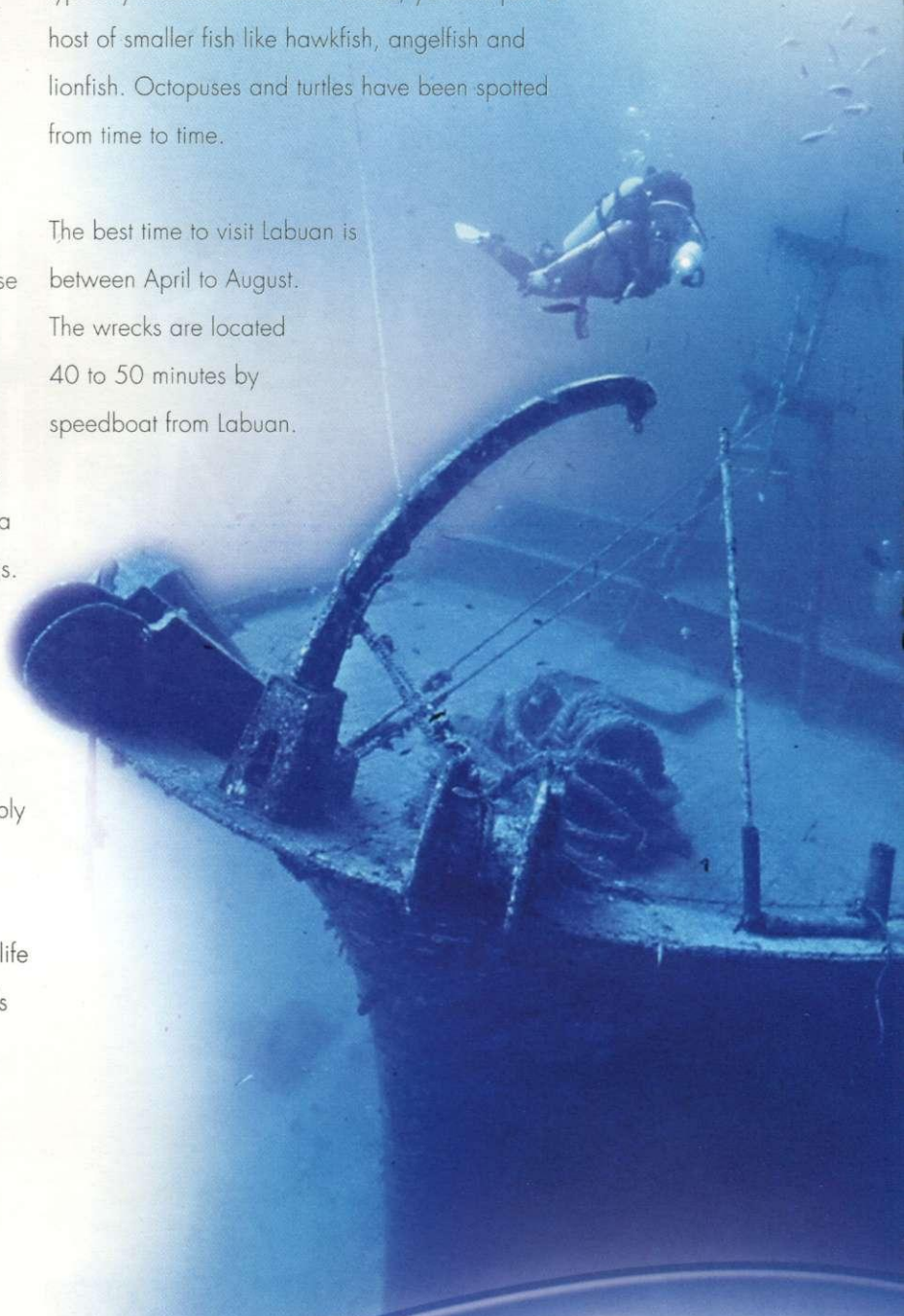
Blue Water Wreck is a two decade-old Philippine trawler. The corals here are somewhat sparse but a rich number of residents more than make up for this. You will find plenty of cardinalfish, sweetlips, lionfish and even batfish. Within the hull itself, you will encounter large snappers and groupers.

The American Wreck is another wreck in reasonably shallow waters. It is penetrable but only by those possessing a wreck-diver specialty certification. Once again, it is memorable for its variety of fish life that resides in and around the broken hull. Schools of batfish will escort you warily while barracuda, snappers and small sharks lurk inside.



Finally, there is the Australian Wreck. It is actually a Dutch Steamship which sank during World War Two. Your diving in Labuan will probably be most satisfying here as the broken hull exposes a bevy of fish and fauna. Barracuda, groupers and batfish typically encircle the wreck. Inside, you will join a host of smaller fish like hawkfish, angelfish and lionfish. Octopuses and turtles have been spotted from time to time.

The best time to visit Labuan is between April to August. The wrecks are located 40 to 50 minutes by speedboat from Labuan.



Peninsular Malaysia

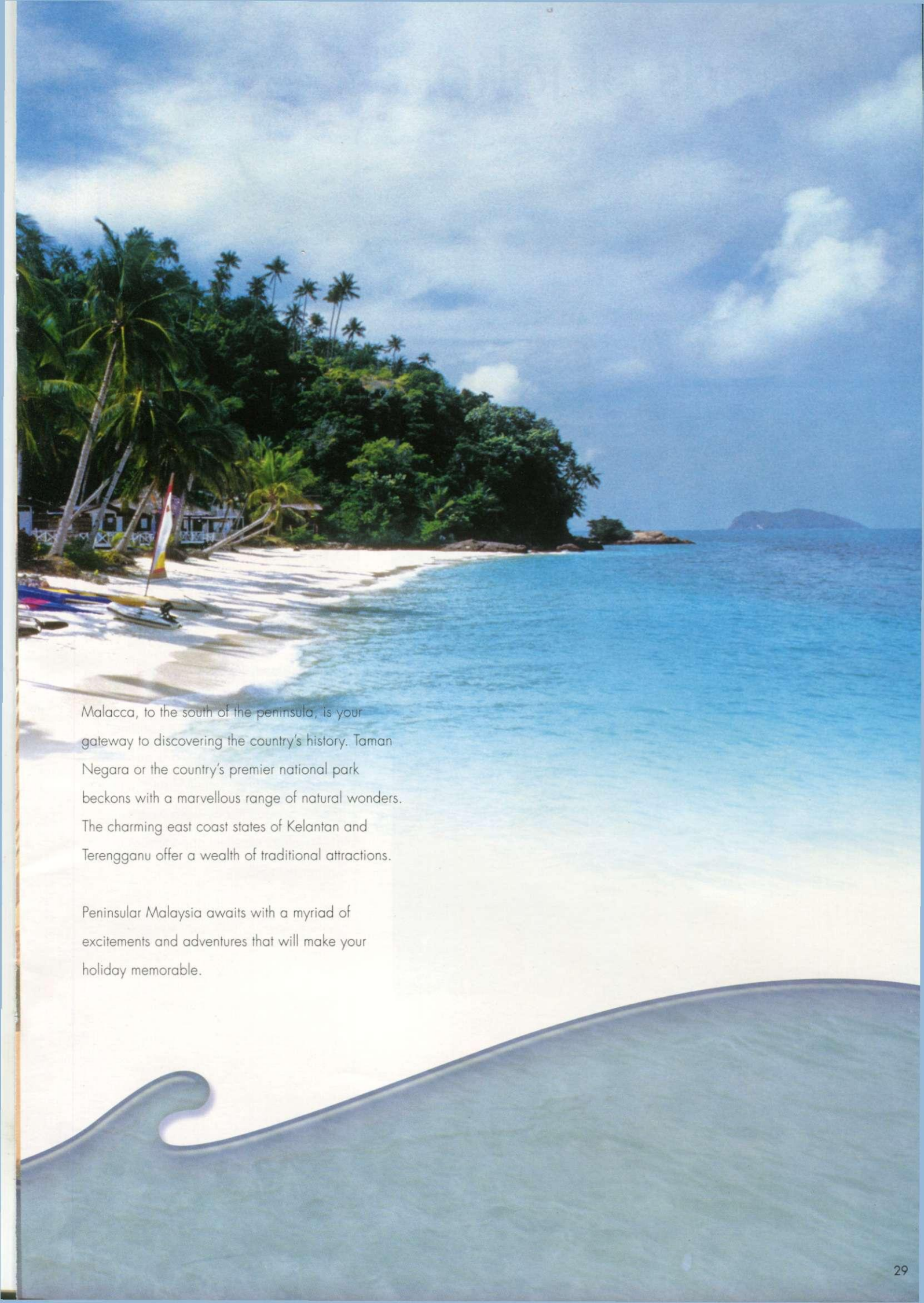


Peninsular Malaysia is a
delightful holiday

destination with something for everyone to enjoy. Its diverse attractions range from its potpourri of cultures, relaxing hill retreats, ancient rainforests to irresistible cuisine. Kuala Lumpur, its capital, is a vibrant cosmopolitan city with the world's tallest twin towers standing at a height of 452 metres.

The peninsula's long coastline and coral-fringed islands, with the Straits of Malacca to the west and South China Sea to the east, give rise to a large number of beaches. Enjoy a holiday at world-renowned resort destinations such as Langkawi, Tioman and Pangkor or experience unique culture and relish mouth-watering food in Penang.





Malacca, to the south of the peninsula, is your gateway to discovering the country's history. Taman Negara or the country's premier national park beckons with a marvellous range of natural wonders. The charming east coast states of Kelantan and Terengganu offer a wealth of traditional attractions.

Peninsular Malaysia awaits with a myriad of excitements and adventures that will make your holiday memorable.

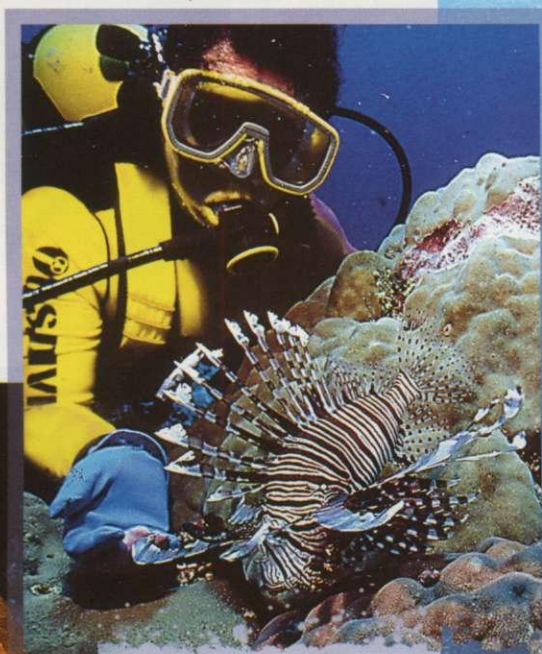
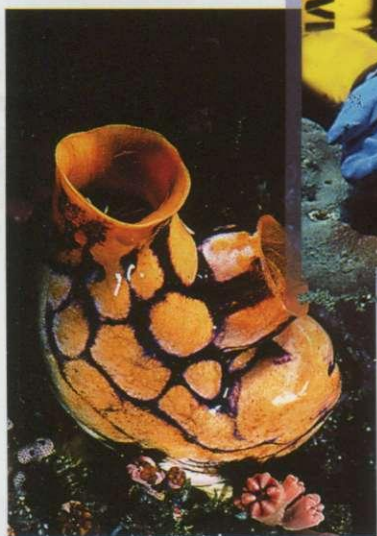
Islands of Johor



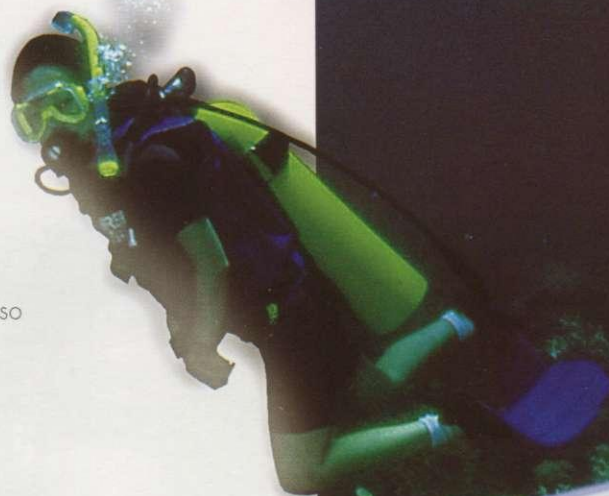
The southern state of Johor is blessed with beautiful islands and splendid diving opportunities not to be missed. The most popular sites for diving here are Pulau Aur and Pulau Dayang, which are also the furthestmost islands from the mainland.

Pulau Aur will delight you with its pristine environment. This remote island is about two hours' speedboat ride from Mersing, on the mainland. Surrounded by deep waters, Pulau Aur offers excellent opportunities to encounter pelagics.





Pulau Lang, a smaller island located nearby, usually offers excellent visibility and green turtle sightings. A chance sighting of the formidable bumphead parrotfish is also possible here.

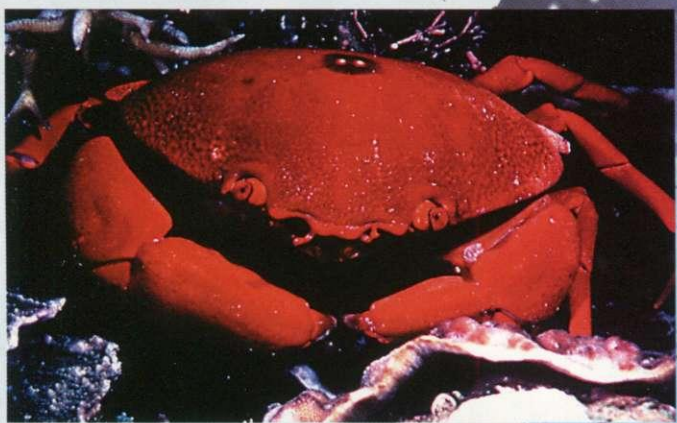


The blue-spotted stingray, common in Malaysian waters, can normally be sighted at Captain's Rock. Look out for the comical dogface pufferfish. It loves to swim solo and attracts plenty of attention for its elongated face and box-like body.



At Raynor's Rock, large boulders shelter a colourful variety of reef fish and sometimes, even larger pelagics. Night dives here, like the rest of Pulau Aur, yield interesting encounters with all kinds of cuttlefish, crustaceans and more dogface pufferfish. The elusive Spanish dancer nudibranch can also be sighted here.





For added spice, you may also want to dive wrecks like the Zero Wreck, located south of Aur. This sunken Japanese fighter plane is home to teeming marine life and thickly encrusted corals.

Accommodation provided by the few chalet operators in Pulau Aur are basic, yet comfortable. The highlight on land is the food served. Like anywhere else in Malaysia, it is filled with sumptuous local dishes.

As an option, you may also choose to stay at the smaller but adjacent Pulau Dayang. It is similar to Aur, with fine beaches to boot.



Pulau Tioman

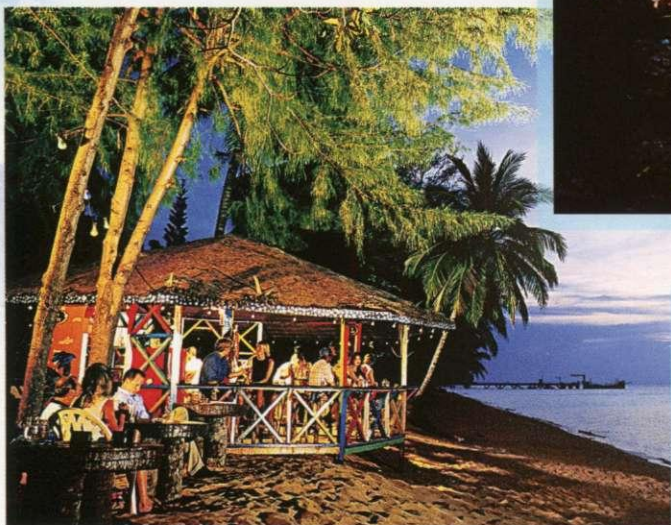
Tioman will delight you with its irresistible lure of holiday-making, discovery and, of course, diving. Located off the east coast of Pahang, Tioman is easily accessible by a combination of land and boat routes or directly by air. Regardless of your mode of transportation, the rewards awaiting will definitely be worth it.

Start with the dive site of Pulau Renggis, which lies off Tekek Beach. You'll find an assortment of reef life in vast gardens of hard corals. cuttlefish, angelfish, barracuda and turtles are common here.



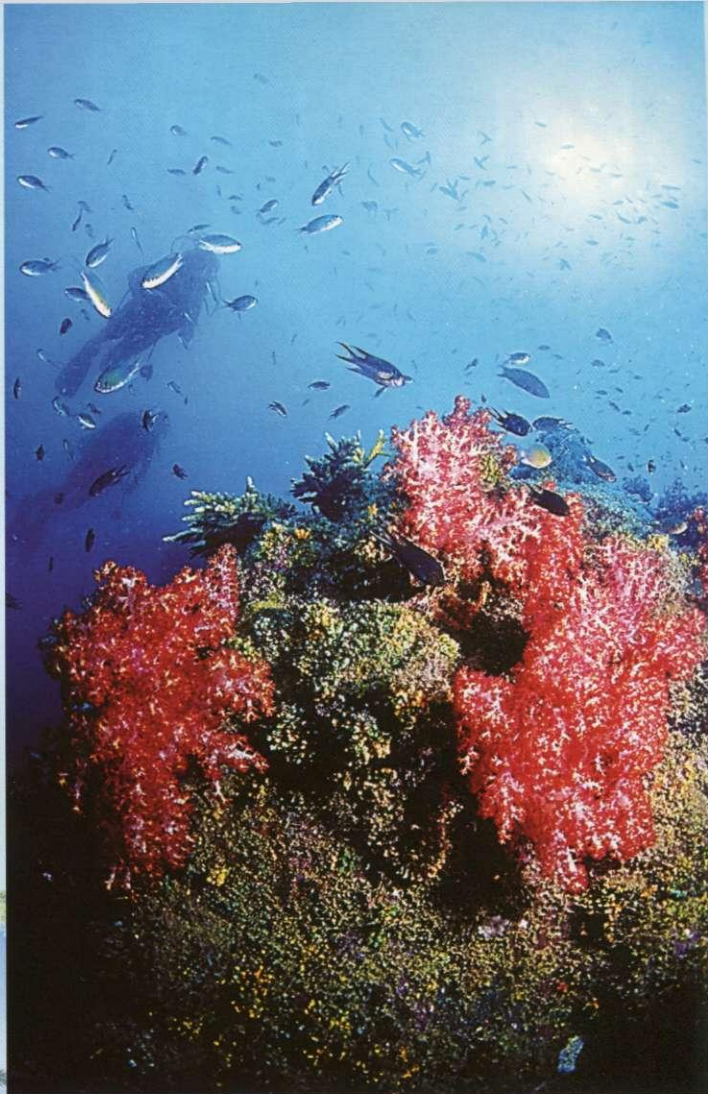
Deep diving enthusiasts will love Pulau Chebeh, the site of several giant manta sightings. You will relish the thrill of the deep sea and the sight of huge gorgonian sea fans.

Wreck divers will enjoy the Soyak Wreck with its many soft and hard coral adornments. Moorish idols, trevally and angelfish abound here in a sunken hull not more than 20 metres deep. This means plenty of time for exploration.



Labas, or Pirate Island, offers a fascinating topography with its large submerged and semi-submerged boulders.

Tioman remains the destination of choice for all kinds of budgets, lifestyles and preferences. Time is your only real and limiting factor.

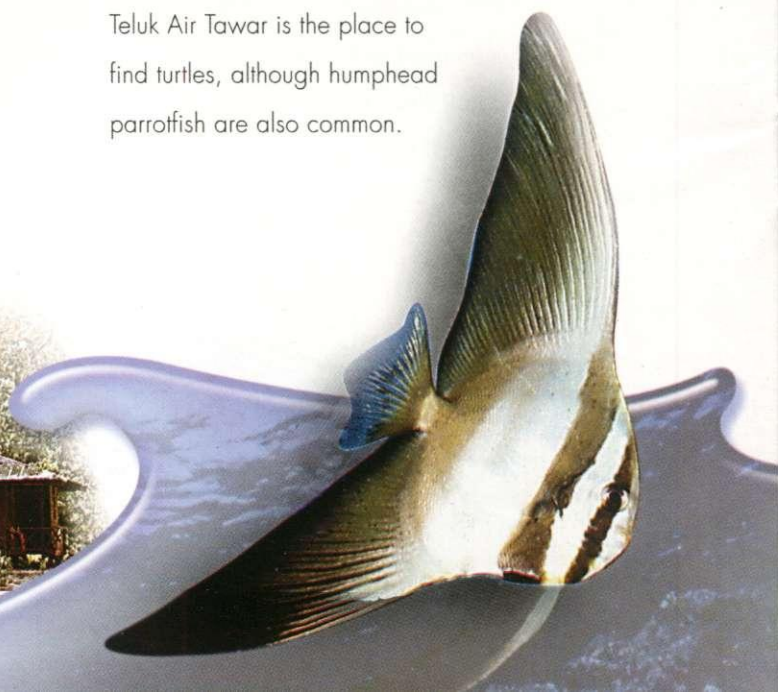
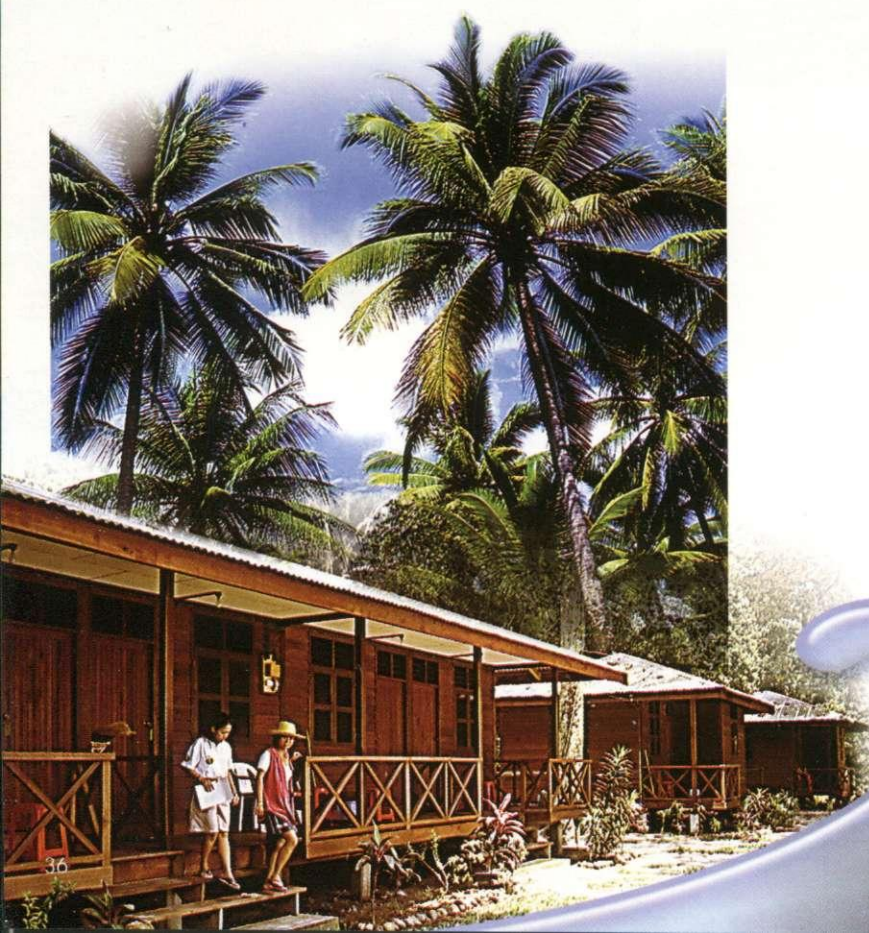


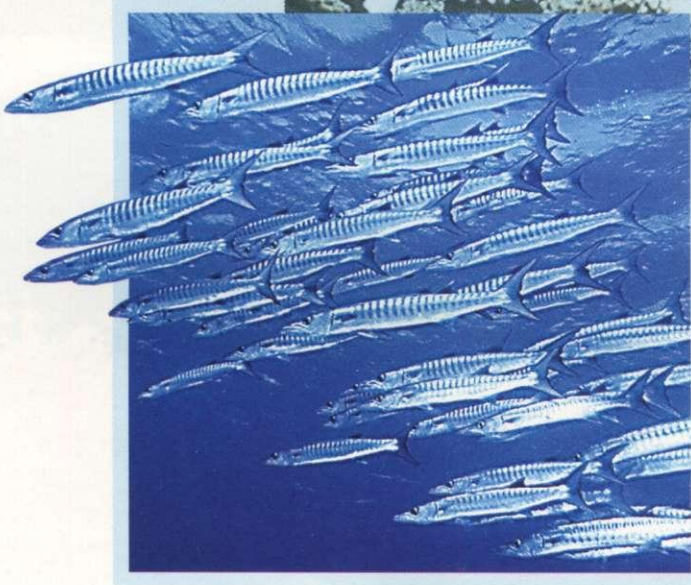
Pulau Tenggol



Tenggol lies not far from the East Coast mainland, and is an exceptional site to the few who have dived here. The reason is Tenggol offers the experienced diver over 20 dive sites and the thrill of wall diving.

Teluk Air Tawar is the place to find turtles, although humphead parrotfish are also common.





For those with a penchant for wrecks, the Kuantan Wreck is renowned here and is easily penetrable by divers. It attracts a veritable array of fish life, including batfish, leopard sharks, moray eels and even turtles on occasions. If you are fortunate, between July to September you may catch a glimpse of the elusive whale shark, which has been spotted here on numerous occasions.

Tenggol is also famed for its beaches, with fine white sand and lovely views. For an island so small, its rich treasure of attractions make for an unforgettable stay.



Pulau Kapas & Lang Tengah

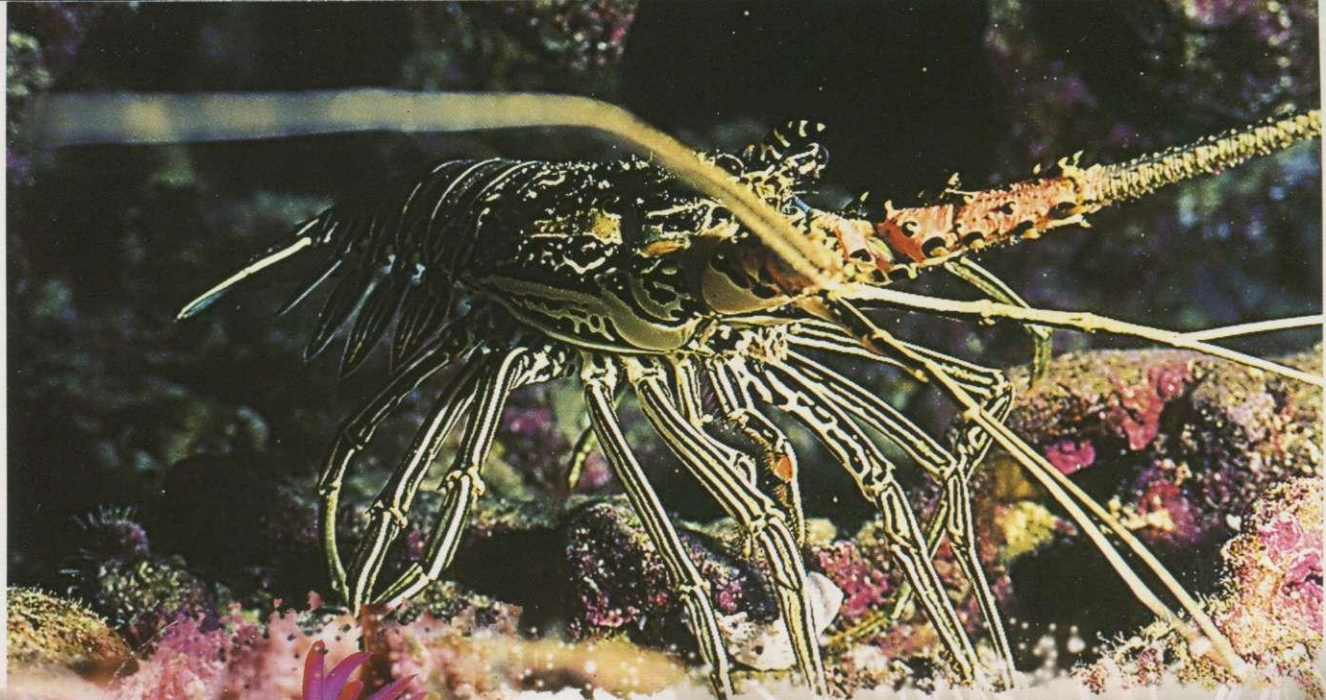


Close to shore, Pulau Kapas and Pulau Lang Tengah are charming islands popular with day-trippers. Despite their proximity to the mainland, the diving here is quite good, with reef fish like moorish idols, butterfly fish and even wrasses easily spotted.

Off Pulau Kapas is a World War Two wreck. Additional Thai fishing wrecks make it a varied dive destination.

Between April to August you may even spot the many hawksbill or green turtles nesting along the coastline.



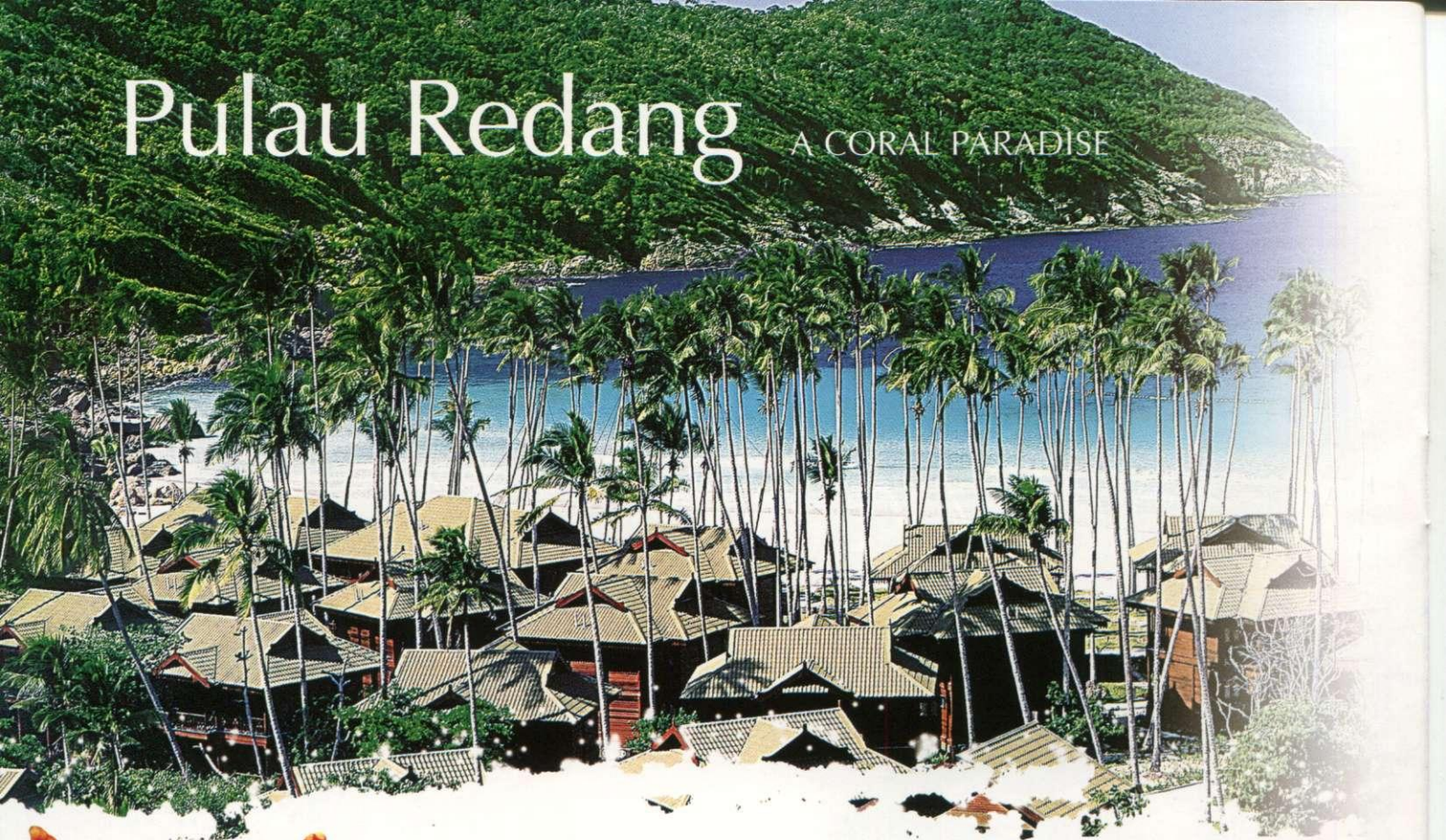


A wide variety of accommodation is available, ranging from upmarket chalets to the ubiquitous A-frame huts.



Pulau Redang

A CORAL PARADISE



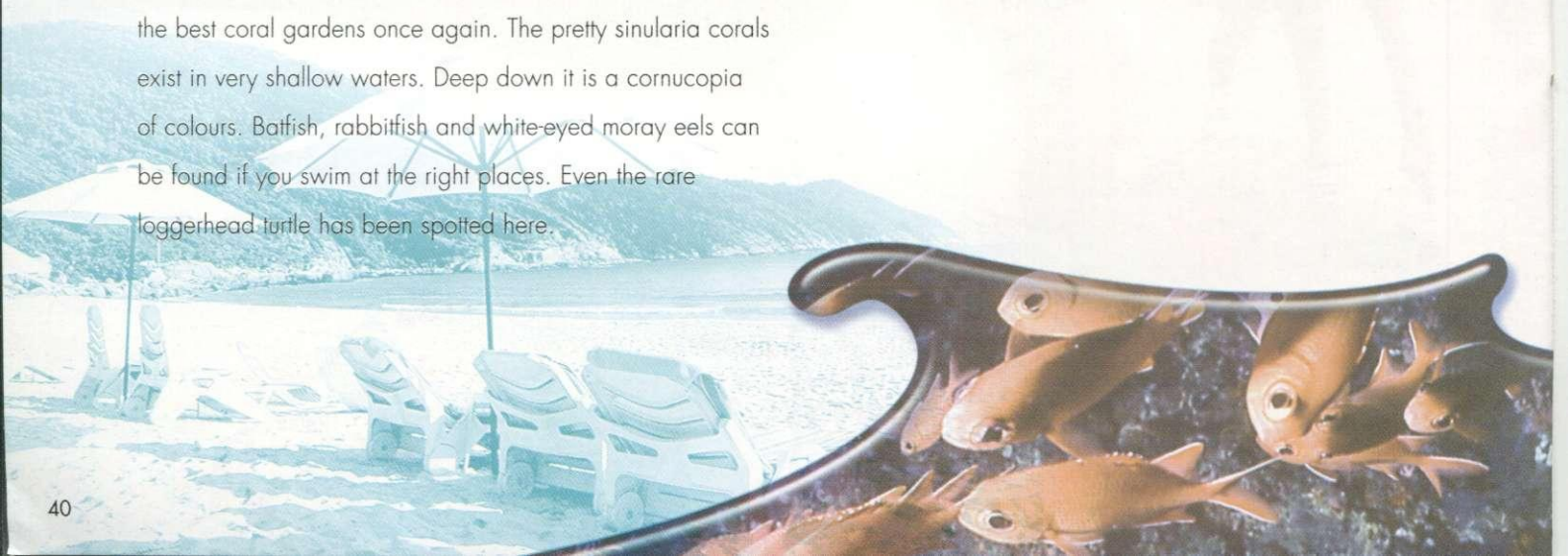
For its sheer alluring beauty, Redang remains one of the most popular islands in Malaysia, and a must-see for any traveller keen on exploring the best of Peninsular Malaysia's diving. The waters here sparkle with an aquamarine shade, and the sand is invitingly soft in its own pearly whiteness.

Starting at the southernmost tip (off Pulau Pinang), Terumbu Kili is a site that offers typical Redang delights. The great coral variety here – mainly dendronephthya soft corals, mushroom corals and gorgonian sea fans – attracts many reef fish and its fair share of green turtles.

Pulau Chupak to the southeast will enthral you with some of the best coral gardens once again. The pretty sinularia corals exist in very shallow waters. Deep down it is a cornucopia of colours. Batfish, rabbitfish and white-eyed moray eels can be found if you swim at the right places. Even the rare loggerhead turtle has been spotted here.

Tanjung Tok Kong to the north, offers the sight of huge submerged boulders separated by gaps. These offer sheer swim-throughs with overhanging corals. On a typical day with a mild current, you can hover past and spot the many chromodoris nudibranchs as well as lurking groupers in the near-dark ledges. Large Napoleon wrasses, parrotfish and unicornfish share these pathways with boxfish and large angelfish. Big jacks will occasionally surprise you with their darting forays.

If you think this makes a fantastic sight then your safety stop at five metres will offer a breathtaking vista of green staghorn corals. Tanjung Tok Kong is definitely a site not to be missed.



If soft corals take your fancy then don't miss Northern Run. Large groupers, parrotfish and large green triggerfish are prominent here. More enchanting are the corals, both hard and soft. Vast staghorn gardens must be explored at your leisure – you will find plenty of fish and invertebrates lurking within these intertwining abodes.



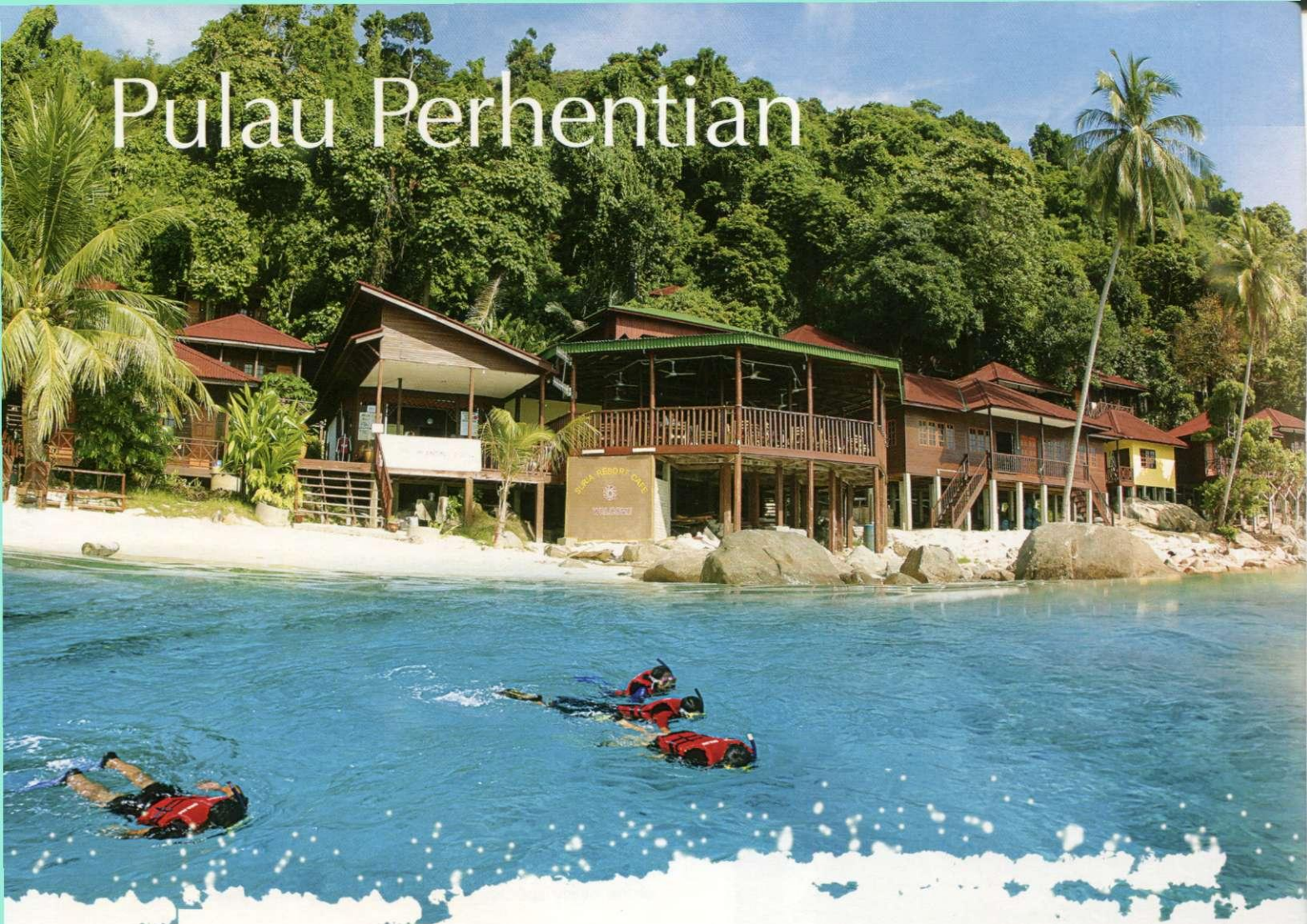
To the west, Big Mount is considered by many to be among the best dive sites in Peninsular Malaysia. Gigantic boulders dominate the vista with a carpet of hard and soft corals, sponges, sea anemones and their clownfish inhabitants. From its beautiful plateau, this site lures you downwards to the deep where more treasures lurk. Soft tree corals, cup corals and whip corals bunch together in unison as groupers, pufferfish and sergeant majors patrol about. Big groups of schooling fish also make frequent visits. Jacks, snappers and fusiliers are some of the many species you will see throughout a dive.

You can indulge in first-class diving service by staying at the Berjaya Redang Beach Resort and taking your dives with them.

To the west of the island, several budget accommodation providers offer convenience without missing out on the natural delights. Pulau Redang is accessible directly by air. There are also regular coach services to Kuala Terengganu, a mere an hour's speedboat ride away.



Pulau Perhentian



Endowed with breathtaking beauty and superb underwater attractions, Pulau Perhentian is a destination in Southeast Asia with few peers. This marine park is divided into two islands, Pulau Perhentian Kecil and Pulau Perhentian Besar.

- Dive sites here are at close proximity to one another with interesting sights at each. Tiger Reef offers the chance to spot green turtles. At Gua Kambing, be prepared for an underwater manicure as cleaner shrimp at some coral bommies excitedly interact with divers. Simply lay your hands down next to the coral and these shrimps will venture to you boldly. Pretty soon, they'll be nibbling away gently as they attempt to get rid of so-called 'parasites' from your nails.



To the north of Perhentian Kecil, at D'Lagoon, you will drift dive past a rich bed of soft and hard corals, shared by large angelfish, parrotfish and black-spotted snappers. green turtles and manta rays make occasional visits here.

Sail Rock is a naturalists' dream. This little pinnacle offers multi-level diving as you encircle it, checking out the diversity of life. Common are blue-spotted stingrays, boxfish, angelfish and parrotfish. However, you'll have plenty of time to marvel at the huge staghorn gardens, lettuce corals and table corals.

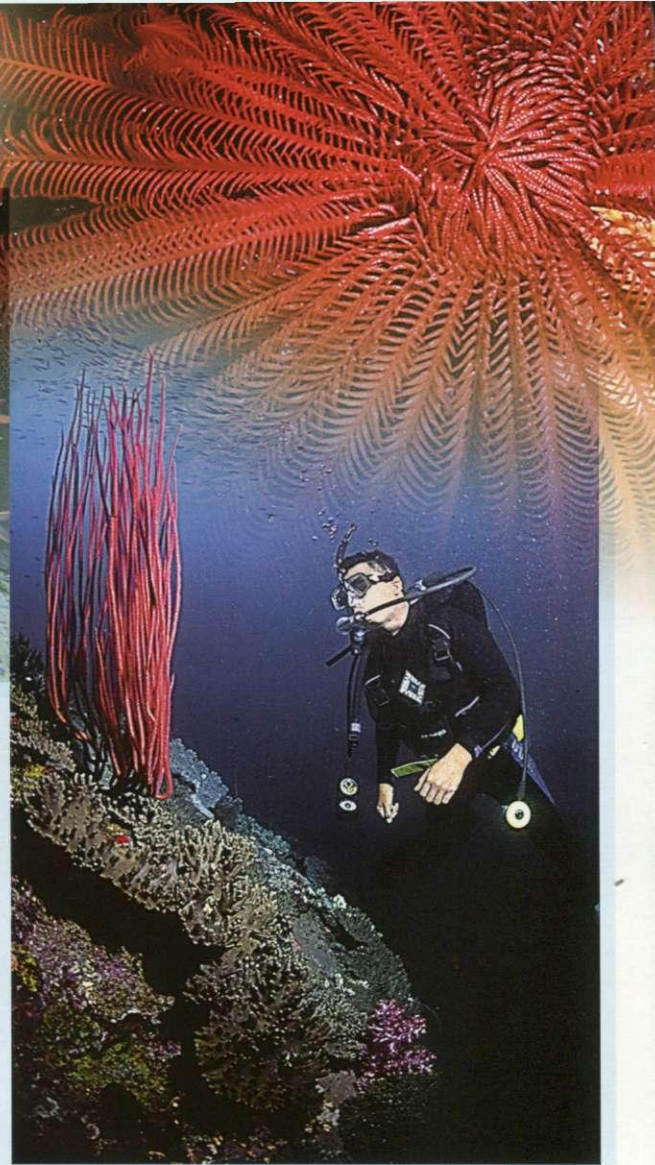
Just off the west end of Perhentian Besar is another dive site for coral enthusiasts. Known as Tanjung Besi, or Iron Cape, it is home to large tracts of staghorn corals.



Making your way around this cape often yields encounters with oddball inhabitants of the reef. Giant groupers make their home here. Humphead parrotfish make many a meal-stop here in the evenings. Those with a keen eye should also study the crevices between corals: several large moray eels inhabit these.

For the ultimate, relaxing dive, a night-time shore dive from the north end of Perhentian Kecil's Long Beach is recommended. You will encounter blue-spotted stingrays, cuttlefish and plenty of reef fish. As you surface for shore, fin gently on your back and gaze into the starry night. The sound of faint music beckoning from the seaside cafés is a magical welcome back to land. Suffice to say, the relatively shallow depths here allow you to maximise your diving time.

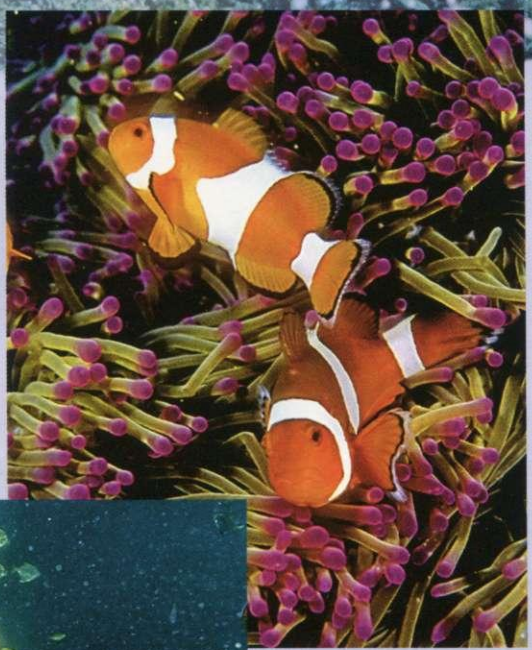
Perhentian Besar has ample accommodation and several dive centres. It has a more sedate lifestyle, with chalets only a few metres away from the shore.



Perhentian Kecil offers wider beaches and an even wider range of accommodation. Its vibrant nightlife is renowned. Along the famous Long Beach, visitors can enjoy their evenings at the many rustic cafés and bars that open till early hours.



Pulau Payar



Pulau Payar and its adjacent islands are some of the few locations for good diving off the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Divers flock here during the monsoon season in the East Coast, making Payar but one example of Malaysia's year-round diving destinations. Large numbers of coral species lie embedded here, both hard and soft. Their colour and variety provide good opportunities for photography, comparable to some East Coast destinations.

A large, permanent pontoon offshore is a great stopover for its many amenities and the panoramic view. From here, travelling to the dive sites is a matter of minutes. At Coral Garden, you will be enthralled by the colourful soft corals and many reef fish varieties. Next to it is Grouper Farm, a site renowned for its many groupers, snappers and even barracudas.



Further out to the west, limited wall-diving opportunities also exist around the tiny Pulau Segantang. Reef life here range from the many anemones at Anemone Garden to the snappers, jacks and barracudas at Tyre Reef.

Day trips are the only way of discovering Payar. However, nearby Langkawi, the main island, makes an ideal launch pad. Journeys take from 45 minutes to an hour, depending on the sea conditions. With Langkawi's duty-free status and multitude of activities, there will be plenty to see and do to spice up your holiday.



Diving Facts

Climate & Water Temperature

Malaysia has an equatorial climate with fairly uniform temperatures ranging from 32 °C during the day to 22 °C at night. Humidity is about 85 to 95 per cent.

Water temperature is 27 - 28 °C and during the dry months the temperature may rise to 30 - 31 °C. Divers will not require thick wet suits. A wet suit of between 1.5 to 3 millimetres is appropriate.

Best Times to Dive

West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia • December - May
East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia • March - October

The islands around Sabah and Sarawak are reasonably well-protected and can be dived all year round. However, water visibility is better during the months of April to August.

Dive Equipment Rental

Dive equipment is readily available for rent at almost all dive centres. But it would be wise to give prior notice to the operators, as sizes could be limited.

Local Diving Association

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- Lumut Naval Base Tel : 605-683 7090 / 166 / 164 / 168
- Kuantan Naval Base Tel : 609-513 3333 / 557 2222
- Sipadan Island, Borneo Divers and Sea Sports
(Sabah) Sdn. Bhd. Tel : 6089-784 299

Diving insurance for emergency point-to-point evacuation and personal accident cover while in Malaysia are available through most dive centres. Evacuation is not included unless covered by insurance.

Electricity

Electricity is 220 volts at 50 cycles, although most first-class hotels can supply an adaptor for 110 volts, 60 cycles appliances. Plugs are of the British three rectangular prong type. Most island resorts are powered by 24-hour generators or have an electrical supply from the mainland.

Time Zone

Malaysia is about 8 hours ahead of GMT, 16 hours ahead of US Pacific standard time and 13 hours ahead of Eastern standard time.

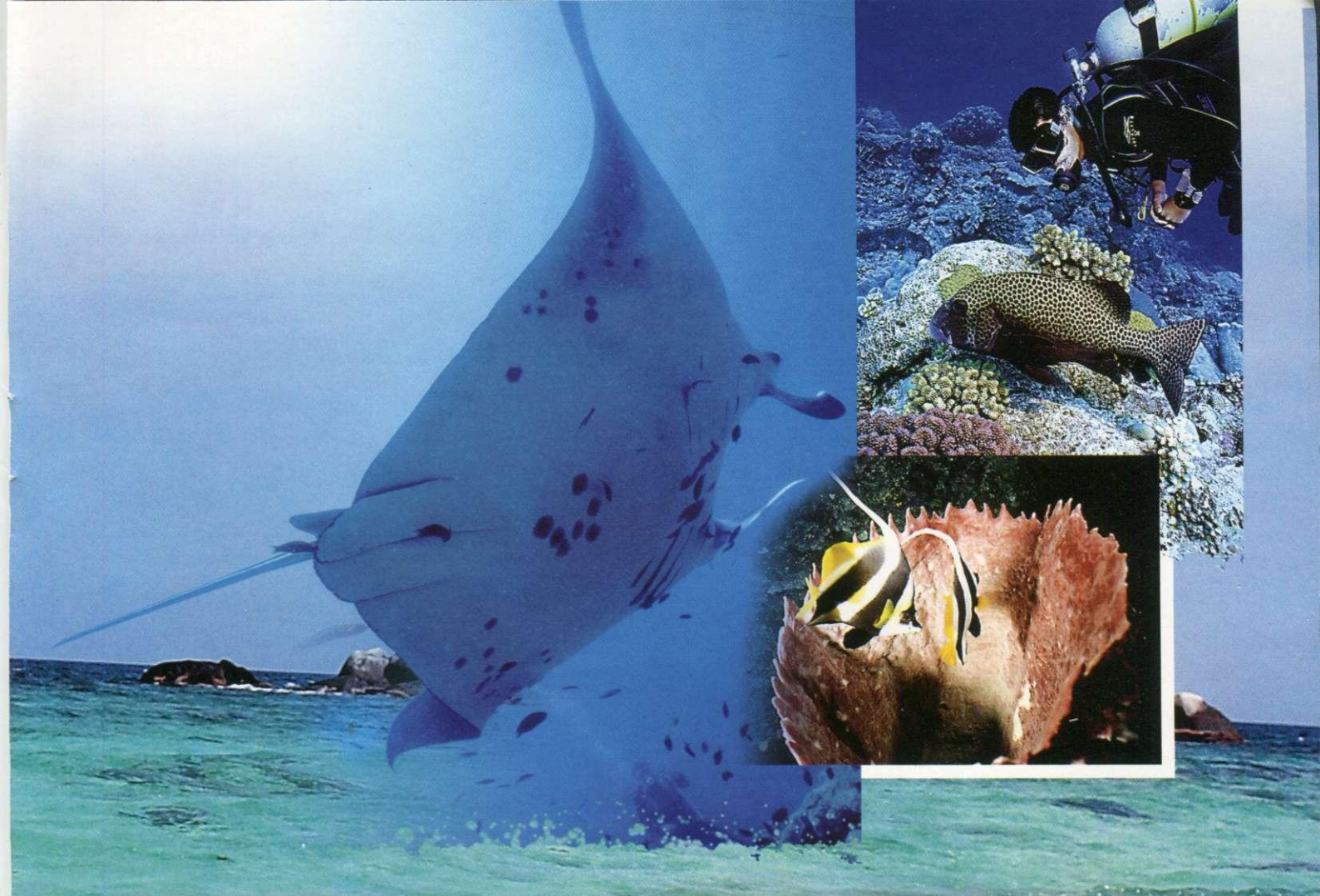
Credit Cards

Major credit cards and traveller's cheques such as Mastercard, Visa and Amex are accepted. For payment by other cards please check with the respective resorts in advance.

Clothing

Very casual, light cotton clothing like t-shirts, shorts etc. is the order of the day. No formality is expected in the restaurants. Tourists are recommended to be properly attired when visiting villages and towns. Nudity is prohibited.





Reef Fishes of Malaysia

Common Name	Scientific Name
Barracuda	<i>Sphyræna Putnamiae</i>
Barramundi cod	<i>Cromileptes Alivelis</i>
Batfish	<i>Platax Tiera</i>
Black tip reef shark	<i>Carcharhinus Melanopterus</i>
Blenny	<i>Nemateleotris Magnifica</i>
Boxfish	<i>Ostracion Cubicus</i>
Bumphead wrasse	<i>Bolbometapon Muricatus</i>
Butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodontidae</i>
Chromis	<i>Chromis Ternatensis</i>
Clownfish	<i>Amphiron Ocellaris</i>
Damsel	<i>Dascyllus Trimaculatus</i>
Emperor angel	<i>Pomacanthus Imperator</i>
Flashlight fish	<i>Photoblepharon Palpebratus</i>
Frogfish	<i>Antennarius Moluccensis</i>
Fusiliers	<i>Caesio Xanthonota</i>
Ghost pipefish	<i>Solenostomus Cyanopterus</i>
Glass sweepers	<i>Rhabdamia Cypselura</i>
Gobi	<i>Helcogramma Striata</i>
Grouper	<i>Epinephelus Microdon</i>
Hammerhead shark	<i>Sphyrna Lewini</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Hatchet fish	<i>Pempheris Oulensis</i>
Jacks	<i>Caranx Sexfaciatus</i>
Leaf fish	<i>Taenianotus Triacanthus</i>
Leopard shark	<i>Stegostoma Fasciatum</i>
Lionfish	<i>Pterois Volitans</i>
Nurse shark	<i>Nebrius Ferrugineus</i>
Manta ray	<i>Manta Birotris</i>
Moray eel	<i>Gymnothorax Javanicus</i>
Parrotfish	<i>Scarus Gibbus</i>
Pennant butterflyfish	<i>Heniochus Diphreutes</i>
Pufferfish	<i>Arothron Nigropunctatus</i>
Rabbitfish	<i>Siganus sp.</i>
Red coral trout	<i>Cephalopholis miniata</i>
Surgeonfish	<i>Acanthurus Leucosternon</i>
Sweetlips	<i>Plectorhynchus Chaetodonoides</i>
Triggerfish	<i>Pseudobalistes Flavimarginatus</i>
Stingray	<i>Taeniura Lymma</i>
Wrasses	<i>Thalassoma Lunare</i>
Yellowtail	<i>Caesio Xanthonotus</i>
Green turtle	<i>Chelonia Mydas</i>



Do's & Don'ts

Avoid Touching

Underwater, animals will try to evade your touch so please respect this rule. There is nothing to gain from touching marine life. This applies to turtles, eels, rays and other animals that may appear within reach. Often, animal attacks result out of fear or self-defence when they perceive a threat by humans.

Avoid Harassing

Reef animals are easily stressed so please be mindful about this too. Remember, you are the guest. Harassing animals can disrupt feeding or mating patterns. In the case of turtles, it can drive them away from a dive site altogether, depriving other divers of the pleasure of seeing them.

Avoid Littering

Besides spoiling the beautiful scenery, litter can endanger the lives of marine animals. Many a turtle has suffocated to death from empty plastic bags. Cans, bottles and styrofoam take decades or even centuries to degrade in their environment. Throw litter in a bin or take it back with you after a dive trip.

Avoid Collecting Souvenirs

Even dead corals play an important role in the reef ecosystem and should not be taken.

Insure Yourself

Despite all precautions, accidents do happen in all water sports. In diving, the cost of medical treatment, particularly if it is an emergency, is very high. Thus, take up dive insurance which is not expensive at all. Most reputable dive centres offer this.

Conservation

Coral reefs are home to many beautiful and fascinating creatures. Snorkelling or diving are great ways to explore this spectacular undersea world but must be done carefully as reefs are very fragile and easily damaged.

You too can do your part by observing basic rules when diving. Firstly, do not touch, break off or scrape coral reefs. The thin membranes covering these animals (yes, that is what they are) ensure their survival. It is highly recommended to keep your self-pressure gauges secured onto or strapped within your BCD. Having them dangle below you whilst diving may pose a hazard to corals.

Secondly, check and maintain positive buoyancy throughout your dive in order to prevent snagging or brushing against the corals. Even the flapping of fins poses a threat that often goes unnoticed by divers themselves.

Finally, do not condone anchoring within marine park perimeters.

Anchors cause great damage to corals and the authorities ensure that buoys are used as markers for dive sites. Please observe these rules and report suspected abuse to the nearest marine park officials.

For more information on the above and other conservation matters, contact:

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MALAYSIA at a glance



COUNTRY The Federation of Malaysia comprises of Peninsular Malaysia and the states of Sabah and Sarawak in Borneo.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Located between 2° and 7° north of the Equator, Peninsular Malaysia is separated from the states of Sabah and Sarawak by the South China Sea. To the north of Peninsular Malaysia is Thailand while its southern neighbour is Singapore. Sabah and Sarawak are bordered by Indonesia while Sarawak also shares a border with Brunei.

AREA 329,758 sq km

POPULATION 25 million

CAPITAL Kuala Lumpur (KL)

PEOPLE Malays make up about 57% of the population and are the predominant group with Chinese, Indians and other ethnic groups making up the rest.

LANGUAGE Bahasa Melayu (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. Malaysians also speak various languages and dialects.

RELIGION Islam is the official religion but all other religions are freely practised.

GOVERNMENT A parliamentary democracy with a bicameral legislative system, the Head of State is the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Head of Government is the Prime Minister.

CLIMATE Malaysia has a tropical climate and the weather is warm all year round. Temperatures range from 21°C to 32°C and the annual rainfall varies from 2000mm to 2500mm.

HISTORY AND CULTURE Apart from the local Malays and the native groups, immigrants from China, India, Indonesia and other parts of the world have all contributed to the multiracial composition of its population. Its interesting cultural diversity can be largely attributed to the country's long and ongoing

interaction with the outside world and colonial rule by the Portuguese, Dutch and the British. The evolution of the country into a cultural melting pot is evident in the unique blend of religions, socio-cultural activities, traditions, languages and food.

The country achieved independence on August 31, 1957 as the Federation of Malaya and subsequently with the entry of Sabah and Sarawak in 1963, Malaysia was formed.

MAJOR HOLIDAYS New Year's Day (January 1)* • Chinese New Year (February 9 & 10)* • Federal Territory Day (February 1)** • Labour Day (May 1)* • Wesak Day (May 22)* • King's Birthday (June 4)* • National Day (August 31)* • Deepavali (November 1)# • Hari Raya Aidil Fitri (November 3 & 4)* • Christmas (December 25)*. Note: (*)-National holidays • (**) - KL, Putrajaya & Labuan • (#)-except Sarawak & Labuan. (Dates are subject to change.)

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Manufacturing constitutes the largest component of Malaysia's economy while tourism and primary commodities such as petroleum, palm oil, natural rubber and timber are major contributors to its economy.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS Visitors must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six months beyond the intended visiting period. Citizens of most countries do not require visas for social or business visits.

For further information, please visit or call the nearest Malaysian diplomatic mission or Tourism Malaysia office.

CURRENCY The unit of currency is the Malaysian Ringgit, which is indicated as RM. Foreign currencies can be converted at banks and money changers.

All travellers, both residents and non-residents, are required to complete the Traveller's Declaration

Form (TDF). The revised TDF has two separate sections for residents and non-residents - the blue section for residents and the white section for non-residents.

Residents are only required to declare in detail the exact amount of ringgit carried when they enter or leave the country only if the amount is in excess of RM1,000. They are also required to declare in detail the exact amount in foreign currency, including traveller's cheques carried, when they leave the country only if the amount exceeds the equivalent of RM10,000. Residents do not have to declare any amount of foreign currency, including traveller's cheques, carried with them when they re-enter the country.

Non-residents are required to declare the exact amount of foreign currency carried when they enter or leave the country only if the amount exceeds the equivalent of USD 2,500.00.

Residents are required to keep the TDF in their passports when they leave the country and surrender the TDF upon their return instead of the current practice of filling two separate TDFs when they leave and re-enter the country. Likewise, non-residents will continue with the current practice, which requires them to keep the TDF in their passports and surrender the TDF upon leaving the country.

BANKING HOURS Most states: Mon-Fri: 9.30am-4.00pm • Sat: 9.30am-11.30am • Sun: Closed • Kedah, Kelantan & Terengganu: Sat-Wed: 9.30am-4.00pm • Thur: 9.30am-11.30am • Fri: Closed.

POST OFFICES Open from 8.00am to 5.00pm daily except on Sundays and public holidays. In Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu post offices are closed on Fridays and public holidays.

TIME Eight hours ahead of GMT and 16 hours ahead of U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

ELECTRICITY Voltage is 220-240 volts AC at 50 cycles per second.

MEASUREMENT SYSTEM Malaysia follows the metric system.

TELEPHONE Local calls can be made from public phones using coins or prepaid cards. International calls can be made from public phones with phone card facilities or at any Telekom offices.

GETTING THERE The main gateway to Malaysia is through the

new Kuala Lumpur International Airport at Sepang, which is located approximately 50 kilometres south of Kuala Lumpur. Other major international airports that serve as entry points are located in Penang, Kuching, Kota Kinabalu and Langkawi.

The main entry point by sea is at Port Klang, about 50 kilometres away from KL. Malaysia is also accessible by rail and road from Singapore and Thailand.

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GETTING AROUND Malaysia has excellent domestic air links and a well-developed and efficient public transportation system served by buses, taxis as well as trains.

ACCOMMODATION Malaysia has a wide range of accommodation with competitive rates. International standard, mid range and budget hotels, youth hostels and timeshare apartments are just some of the types of accommodation available.

DO'S & DON'TS When visiting Malaysia, the visitor should observe local customs and practices. Some common courtesies and customs are as follows:

- It is polite to call before visiting a home.
- Shoes must always be removed when entering a Malaysian home.
- Drinks are generally offered to guests. It would be polite to accept.
- The right hand is always used when eating with one's hand or when giving and receiving objects.
- The right forefinger is not used to point at places, objects or persons. Instead, the thumb of the right hand, with the four fingers folded under, is the preferred usage.
- Shoes must be removed when entering places of worship such as mosques and temples. Some mosques provide robes and scarves for female visitors. Taking photographs at places of worship is usually permitted but always ask for permission first.
- Toasting is not a common practice in Malaysia. The country's large Muslim population does not drink alcohol.

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